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# TRUMAN AGREES TO DOOM RENT CONTROLS

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## O'Dwyer Flees From the Truth

By Michael Singer

The growing threat of fascism in New York City was challenged Thursday night by some of the most dramatic and powerful anti-fascist speeches ever heard during a budget hearing. Certainly there never was a Board of Estimate meeting that was exposed as unmercifully as was Mayor O'Dwyer's clique of stooges that night.

O'Dwyer wasn't there to hear it. He had fled the room



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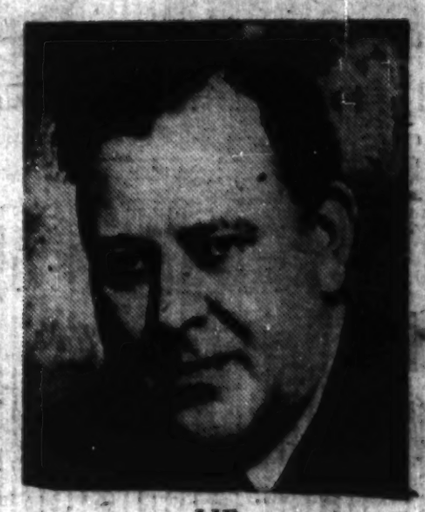
a few moments before. But the press was there—and not a word of this eventful experience was reported.

The budget hearing, which began at 5 p.m. was virtually deserted. Police, massed in unprecedented array to keep out the hundreds of citizens, had carried out the ban orders well. The Board deliberately waited until the last parent, educator and community spokesman had departed. Then O'Dwyer called on the "political" represen-

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**TO PICKET GONZALEZ VIDELA HERE MONDAY AT NOON**

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## *Where Do You Stand, Senator Ives?*

Senator Ives:

Your New York colleague in the U. S. Senate, Herbert H. Lehman, has already spoken up in opposition to the infamous Mundt-Nixon Bill. But you have thus far remained silent.

In your own words, you are a loyal Republican. In the New York State Assembly, you were the chief spokesman of your party for many years.

Yet even you have been charged by your associates and friends with being a "Communist," or with aiding the "Communist cause." In at least one point of your career as a leader of the State Legislature, you would have had to hesitate in your course for fear of prosecution under the Mundt-Nixon Bill, if that bill had been law at the time.

We refer to the battle for a state FEPC in 1945. Recall how in the course of bucking other leaders of your party, who wanted to scuttle the measure, as well as numerous state bigwigs with whom you were intimate, you complained repeatedly,



SEN. IVES

and bitterly, that you were being charged with being a Communist. This may appear absurd today, but it was deadly serious at the time.

Recall, too, how the state FEPC proposal was branded a step toward "totalitarian dictatorship dictated by Moscow," just as the federal FEPC program is being branded today. And the Mundt-Nixon Bill says specifically that any action which "contributes" toward such a "dictatorship" is a crime.

In that great struggle you had to depend on the public opinion organized by progressive and leftwing organizations which the Mundt-Nixon Bill would outlaw. Today, these Negro, Jewish and labor groups firmly condemn the Mundt-Nixon Bill. They know it would make their fight for progressive laws impossible.

Where do you stand today, Sen. Ives, in this fight to preserve America's political liberties?

## The Story of Jewish DPs in New York

—See Joseph North's 'Sidewalks of New York' on Page 5

# Robeson Urges Action to Save Life of Turkish Poet

Paul Robeson, the great Negro artist, urged all Americans to help save the life of the leading Turkish poet, Nazim Hikmet, who entered the seventh day of his hunger strike for freedom Friday.

Hikmet, a Communist, has served 12 years of a 28-year sentence. The sole charge against him was that Turkish soldiers and sailors were discovered reading his poetry.

Late Friday, the Turkish embassy in Washington, queried by The Worker, said it had no late news on Hikmet. The attache said he did not know "but doubts whether the poet has taken any liquid as yet." He quoted the physician's report of Thursday, which said that unless the poet takes liquid, "he will not live."

Appeals to the Turkish Assembly, the press attache said, have gone unanswered. Many Turkish figures are asking the Assembly to decree amnesty. Heading the list, the press attache said, is Nifalih Rifkiatay, Turkish correspondent for the Luce publications.

The last of Hikmet's poems received in this country was entitled "To Paul Robeson."

Friday Robeson said:

"A great Turkish people's poet lies prostrate in a prison cell, after 12 long years in prison. He is now near death after seven days of a hunger strike as a protest against those who would prevent him from working and fighting in behalf of the Turkish people's struggle for democracy and peace.

"We in America must do everything possible to force the Turkish government to free him. The strength of progressive America, including the Negro people, must join the fight to free this great voice.

"Our writers, artists and indeed all who love an American people's culture must make their voices heard in protest. He will hear us and those who would stifle his voice will also hear. We can save this great poet of the people for the working people of Turkey, of America and of the world if we act now."

Protests and telephone calls are being made to Secretary of State Dean Acheson and to the Turkish embassy in Washington.

# Truman Agrees To Scuttling of Rent Controls

WASHINGTON.—Chairman Brent Spence of the House Banking Committee said Friday he does not believe President Truman would object to a watered-down rent control bill that would permit cities to scuttle controls. The Kentucky Democrat made the statement to reporters following a White House visit at which he proposed the plan to the President. His plan would allow cities to drop rent controls by action of the city council or referendum of the voters.

Spence's proposal would leave it entirely up to local governments whether to continue or abandon rent controls. The federal government would have no voice in the matter at all except that the Housing Expediter would administer the controls if they were retained.

Cities may now decontrol rents only on the recommendation of their local rent advisory boards, which include real estate, tenant and public representatives. Housing Expediter Tigh E. Woods also must approve such recommendations. In many cases he has approved scuttling of rent control.

Under Spence's plan, controls automatically would die within six months after the act was approved by Congress unless the city took positive action to keep them in effect. If a city voted to retain controls, they would not continue in operation for longer than one year.

## Truman Gives Pardon to Mail Frauder

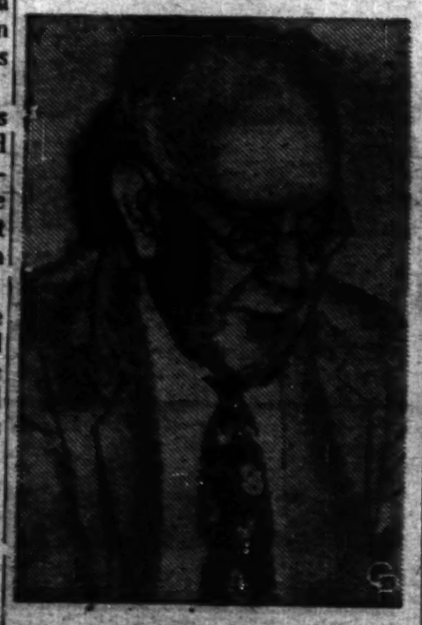
WASHINGTON. — James Michael Curley, former governor of Massachusetts and former mayor of Boston, has been granted a full pardon by President Truman for two federal crimes, it was learned Friday.

The pardon covered Curley's 1946 conviction for mail fraud and a 1903 federal conviction for impersonating a man in a civil service examination, a Justice Department sopkesman said in response to an inquiry.

Under Massachusetts law, the 75-year-old Democratic political figure never lost his rights to vote or hold public office. So it appeared that the advantage he gains is merely one of cleaning the slate.

The Justice Department spokesman would not comment other than to confirm that the presidential pardon had been granted.

On his conviction for mail fraud, Curley served only five months of a six to 18 month sentence at the Danbury, Conn., reformatory.



BRENT SPENCE
*Truman told him*

## By the Way

### Douglas Would Have Upheld Dennis

**THE DIVISION BETWEEN** the "Roosevelt judges" and the "Truman judges" on civil liberties was highlighted again this week as Justice Douglas, joined with Judges Black and Frankfurter in upholding the appeal of Richard Morford, a victim of the House Un-American Committee's persecution. Since Morford, who refused to give J. Parnell Thomas the records of the Council of American-Soviet friendship, had not been permitted to question the government- employe jury if they were biased, the Court reversed his conviction unanimously.

Douglas indicated that he not only opposed the Morford conviction but would have agreed with Black and Frankfurter in the Dennis decision that no government-employe jury can give a fair trial to a defendant challenging the red scare.

### Legal Defense Denied

**RIGHT TO LEGAL DEFENSE** was further undermined last week as Federal Court of Appeals upheld jail sentences for lawyers who defended 11 Communist leaders at Foley Sq. The Federal Court of Appeals said that Judge Medina was all wrong when he charged lawyers defending Communist 11 at Foley Square with "conspiracy." Medina had ordered defense attorneys George Crockett, Harry Sacher, Louis McCabe, and Eugene Dennis who defended himself, to prison for "contempt" based on alleged "conspiracy." Medina said the "conspiracy" consisted in defense challenge of the jury system and the constitutionality of the Smith Act. Higher court knocked out "conspiracy" but insisted that the lawyers must go to jail anyway. They rejected Medina's logic but kept his punitive actions.

### He Doesn't Know

**THEY ASKED SETH RICHARDSON** what "loyalty" is. And the head of the President's so-called Loyalty Board had to answer: "I do not know." What Richardson did know, he told Congress, was that out of 3,000,000 government employes investigated, not one single case of espionage could be found. But if Mr. Richardson was vague about what "loyalty" signifies, Harry Wallace Blair, newly-appointed to the top loyalty review board was not. He was sure that opposition to jimcrow blood banks is disloyalty to America. Grilling government worker Dorothy Bailey in her loyalty trial, Blair demanded: "Did you ever write a letter to the Red Cross about the segregation of blood?"

### The Nazis Will Like It

**JOHN FOSTER DULLES** celebrated his recall by President Truman into the government by denouncing FDR's Yalta agreements as a basic "mistake." These agreements called for joint U. S.-Soviet action to root out all Nazi influence in Germany. Dulles, whose Wall Street firm has long had close ties with pro-Hitler banking firms (Schroeder Banking Corp.) advocates speedier revival of the old reactionary forces in Germany.

### United Labor Action?—How?

**PHILIP MURRAY'S RECENT** proposal for united labor action was made four weeks after he had rejected John L. Lewis' proposal for a mutual aid fund to defend all unions. Lewis immediately accepted the CIO bid. William Green was scheduled to take it up with the AFL Executive Council.

Murray's proposal was seen as recognition of the insistence by the rank-and-file for united action in their contract fights and to meet the problem of growing unemployment.

Top labor officials are still heating up the cold war which is damaging labor's interests. Workers were beginning to see that real unity will have to be achieved in the shops and locals if top level united action is to bring results.

# Marcantonio Derides Kennedy Bid to Oppose Him This Fall

Rep. Vito Marcantonio (ALP-NY) on Friday laughed at a bid by former Rep. Martin Kennedy to be the coalition candidate against the Laborite in the Congresisonal race this fall. Marcantonio defeated Kennedy in the Democratic primary in 1944 when his and Kennedy's districts were consolidating under reapportionment.

Kennedy, an insurance broker, with Christian Front associations, repeated the usual threadbare, redbaiting smears against Marcantonio in making his bid.

Marcantonio pointed out that American than to utilize public office for one's personal business.

"Kennedy states he is a candidate against me. I welcome his opposition. The people of my district know that they do not have to buy an insurance policy to see me."

Democratic and Republican machines in New York County, while eager to affect a coalition against the progressive Congressman, have been unable to date because of power politics squabbles, to select a candidate. Kennedy has offered himself.

he had defeated him in 1944 despite Tammany's support for Kennedy.

## PICKET CHILE'S DICTATOR HERE MONDAY AT NOON

A picket line will greet Chile's President Gonzalez Videla when he is received by Mayor O'Dwyer at City Hall Monday at noon. The Spanish trade union committee is sponsoring the picket line to protest the terror against trade unionists and progressives in Chile.

The reception given Chilean President Gabriel Gonzalez Videla was protested Friday by the Joint Board of Fur Dressers & Dyers, which termed it "shameful" to honor a man "who is conducting a reign of terror against the people of his country."

Sent to President Truman, Secretary of State Acheson and Mayor O'Dwyer, the letter of protest cited the fact that President Gonzalez broke the recent strike of Chilean copper miners by using troops to shoot down the workers.

"We are aware of the fact that hundreds of political, labor and intellectual leaders are being held in concentration camps in remote parts of Chile," said the letter. "These leaders are being held without even the semblance of a trial. We also know that the government police and army units daily break up labor and political assemblies and shoot down working people in the streets."

## PEACE TO BE THEME OF HUGE MAY DAY FLOATS

The May Day Workshop has started construction of more than a score of huge floats and display pieces for the May Day parade, it was announced Friday. Peace and the people's well-being will be the themes of the floats.

Eight full-time artists and craftsmen, under the direction of Bob Hart, foreman, and Donald Amter, Workshop organizer, are working to fill orders from trade unions, fraternal and community organizations. Sketches submitted spell out the demands of the particular group represented, and cover a wide range of issues—jobs, increased unemployment benefits, end to discrimination in housing, equal rights for the Negro people, outlawing of anti-Semitism, and repeal of Taft-Hartley.

A large locomotive banded in yellow, a replica of the International Workers Order's monument to the war dead, a May pole topped with the peace dove, its ribbons spelling out the people's demands for peace, jobs and security; a memorial to the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising; and large white doves are some of the displays already taking shape.

The United Labor and People's Committee for May Day urged organizations which have not submitted orders and plans for floats to do so at once, since only two weeks remain for their completion.

## French CP Press Opens Fund Drive

PARIS.—The French Communist press Friday opened a nation-wide fund-raising drive.

The Communist Party newspaper, L'Humanite opened the appeal with a full-page announcement asking subscriptions and donations to maintain the "clean and free democratic press."

# UN Chief Says He May Visit Soviet Union Next Month

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y.—United Nations secretary-general Trygve Lie indicated Friday that he probably would go to the Soviet Union next month and consult with Premier Joseph Stalin. The decision on whether he will go to Moscow will be made early next month in Paris or Geneva, Lie said. He has informed chief Soviet delegate Jacob A. Malik of his thoughts, he told a press conference, but if he decides definitely that he has "something of importance" to discuss, the approach will be made through the Soviet ambassador at Paris.

Lie has called upon the UN to seat the People's Government of China and to oust the Kuomintang clique from the UN. The Soviet Union has refused to participate in UN bodies because the Kuomintang clique usurps this seat. The U. S. delegation has kept its majority in line against seating China in the United Nations although the charter provides for a permanent Chinese seat in the Security council.

Lie has also called upon the big powers, specifically the U. S. and USSR, to negotiate differences because big power agreement is the foundation stone of the United Nations.

**SAILS APRIL 22**

Lie sails for Europe on April 22. He will visit the Foreign Office in London on April 27 or 28, consulting with British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, if the latter's health permits. He will go on to Paris for the meeting of the chiefs of the UN's specialized agencies opening May 2, and will consult with French Foreign Minister Robert Schumann.

"If I have the time and deem it necessary," he told reporters, "I will inform the Foreign Office in Moscow that I am in Europe if they want to see me or I want to see them. In Paris or Geneva I will decide whether to go to Moscow."

Asked whether he planned to see Stalin, Lie replied:

"If Generalissimo Stalin is in

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**JANUARY IN APRIL**



THESE BRONX YOUNGSTERS welcome New York's freak snowstorm just as much in April as in January. Pictures taken in the vicinity of Rosewood Ave. and Broux Boulevard show two youngsters off for some sleigh riding, and two others playing in the snow in front of their home. Photos by Peter

## Judith Coplon Appeal to Cite Wiretapping

WASHINGTON. — Judith Coplon stated Friday that she would seek a new trial on her first conviction on the grounds that the government case was based on evidence obtained through wiretapping. Attorneys for the former Justice Department analyst asked the U. S. Court of Appeals to hold up a hearing, scheduled for April 28, on an appeal from the conviction here last June.

The lawyers said they plan to challenge the conviction in the U. S. District Court and no action should be taken on the appeal until the lower court rules on the motion for a new trial.

Miss Coplon was found guilty in Washington of taking secret documents from FBI files to pass on to Valentin A. Gubitchev, Soviet engineer.

## Labor Group Gives $500 to Auto Strikers

A contribution of $500 was made to members of Plymouth Local 51 of the CIO United Auto Workers, on strike for three months, it was announced here Friday by the United Labor Committee to Defeat Taft-Hartley.

A regular strike meeting of the local in Detroit Thursday received the contribution from Miss Esther Letz, secretary of the committee.

Addressing the meeting prior to presenting the check, Miss Lezt stressed that the committee was "not interested in the politics of a union, whether it be right, left or center." She recalled that the committee had raised thousands of dollars and hundreds of tons of food for the coal miners in their recent strike.

"We have offered assistance to the striking Chrysler workers because only by taking Philip Murray's appeal for unity and putting real teeth into it with this kind of action, will the labor movement be successful in its strikes and its general struggle against Taft-Hartley," she said.

The committee raised the funds following an appeal here last week by two delegates from the Plymouth local, Olen Manley and Jack Gibson. Unions wishing to make contributions, the committee said, can send them to the committee at its offices, 30 E. 29 St., N. Y. C.

## NAACP Assails Firing Of Dr. Lorch by College

The discharge of Dr. Lee Lorch from Pennsylvania State College for participation in the drive to end race discrimination in Stuyvesant Town, has been condemned as a denial of academic freedom by the board of directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, it was learned Friday.

Dr. Lorch's activities were deemed by college authorities as "extreme, illegal and immoral and damaging to the public relations of the college."

The NAACP resolutioin, adopted at the regular monthly meeting of the board on April 10, called upon the Pennsylvania State Conference of NAACP branches to rally to Dr. Lorch's support.

The Board also voted to participate in the newly formed Commission to End Discrimination in Education, in reference to conditions at the College of the City of New York, and authorized Acting Secretary Roy Wilkins to join Rev. Henry Atkinson, Herman Hoffman, Rep. Arthur Klein, Rev. Paul Jones and others in "a sweeping factual investigation to correct this situation." The Commission was set up to study charges of rampant anti-Semitimism and jimcrowism in City College departments and specifically the cases of Prof. William E. Knickerbocker and Prof. William C. Davis, notorious for their bigoted attitudes.

## McGrath Urges Witchhunt On Lawyers

The Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON. — Attorney General J. Howard McGrath, in a speech in Baltimore Thursday night, renewed the Justice Department's attack on lawyers who defend progressives. The drive to gag lawyers had been started by Tom Clark, McGrath's predecessor.

McGrath called for "firm measures" against lawyers who defend progressives.

In his speech delivered before the Maryland Law School alumi, McGrath extended the administration's witchhunt to lawyers when he declared that attorneys who fight for the constitutional rights of their clients are guilty of "subversion."

## Move to Disbar Two Lawyers for 'Eleven'

Action to deprive the 11 Communist leaders of counsel in their appeal against their conviction under the Smith Act was launched in Federal Court Friday through disbarment proceedings against Harry Sacher and A. J. Isserman, attorneys for the 11. Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard signed an order directing Sacher and Isserman to show cause why "they should not be disbarred as practicing attorneys in this court, or why such other disciplinary measures as the court might deem just and proper should not be taken with respect to them."

The order, returnable May 23, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 506, U.S. Court House, was signed at the request of Robert P. Patterson, president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and I. Howard Lehman, president of the New York County Lawyers' Association.

The demand for disbarment was based on contempt citations levied by Judge Harold R. Medina against five lawyers for the Communist leaders. Sacher was sentenced by Medina to a six months jail sen-

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## Rebel Indonesian Captain Didn't Yield

JAKARTA, Indonesia, April 16 (UP).—Indonesian president Achmed Soekarno ordered government forces into action today against Capt. Abdul Azis at Macassar after the rebel leader rejected an ultimatum to surrender.

Azis' rebels seized the Celebes capital a week ago. Two days ago the Indonesian government announced that he had surrendered, but yesterday embarrassed offiicals admitted he still held the city.

## POINT OF ORDER

By ALAN MAX

The protest by the Soviet Union against the U.S. bomber flying over Soviet soil and firing at Soviet planes, raises some serious questions.

If the Soviet Union won't let foreign bombers fly over her territory and take pictures, what becomes of the sacred Freedom of Photography?

If the Soviet Union objects to a foreign bomber flying 350 miles off its course, what becomes of the sacred Freedom to Get Lost?

If the Soviet Union says a foreign bomber can't start firing when told to land, what becomes of the sacred Freedom to Turn Cold Wars into Hot Ones?

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[Point of Order acknowledges $2 for the fund drive sent in under the name "United Progressive Humorists of Southern California" (stop kidding me) and $2.50 from A. H. of South Dakota.]

## UPW Pickets Mass at City Hall To Hit Refusal to Give Pay Hike

**BULLETIN**

**The United Public Workers demonstration called for 5 p.m. Friday had 500 members on the picket line by 5:15 and leaders anticipated at least 2,500 by 6 p.m. The demonstration was called to protest against the mayor's failure to provide pay increases and improved conditions in the budget as well as efforts to smash the union.**

Cracking under determined assaults of teachers for increased salaries, Mayor O'Dwyer told a budget hearing on Friday that he had an "open mind" on the question and would "look into this again." The Board of Estimate has until April 27 to adopt the billion and a quarter budget and it must be certified by the Mayor no later than May 1.

O'Dwyer's statement was made during an Alphonse and Gaston act with May Andres Healy of the

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# B'klyn ALP Opens Drive on Renazification

By Michael Vary

A county-wide campaign was inaugurated this week by the Brooklyn American Labor Party for 25,000 post cards and 50,000 petition signatures demanding an end to the renazification of Germany and a halt to shipment of arms to Arab rulers.

Six rallies to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising will be held on April 24, 26 and 27. Among the speakers at these ALP rallies will be the Polish Ambassador to the United States, Joseph Winiewicz; Rep. Emanuel Celler, Rep. James B. Heller, James Waterman Wise, State Sen. Gittelson, Cantor Moishe Oysher and other leaders of various political and religious affiliations.

The major rally will be held on April 27 at the Parkway Theatre in Brownsville, at which Ambassador Winiewicz and Rep. Celler will speak, and Cantor Moishe Oysher will sing the "Song of the Warsaw Ghetto."

Later that evening Ambassador Winiewicz will speak at the HiHo Casino in Brighton, together with B. Z. Goldberg, columnist for the Jewish "Day"; Avraham Schenker, president of the Progressive Zionist League; Rev. Charles C. S. England of St. Augustine Episcopal Church, and others

A meeting on April 26 in the Grand Paradise Ballroom in Williamsburg will hear Rep. Heller, State Sen. Gittelson, Rabbi Alterman, Dr. Joseph Kessler and others.

James Waterman Wise, recently returned from a tour of Western Germany, will report on the failure of de-nazification there at metings on April 27 at the Aperion Manor in the Kings Highway area, and at the Sholem Aleichem Hall in Bath Beach.

Another meeting is scheduled for the Biltmore Ballroom in Flatbush on April 24.

# McCarthy Ravings Aimed at Softening Nation For Mundt Bill

By Rob F. Hall

**WASHINGTON.—The rantings of Sen. McCarthy against "Communism" in every nook and corner in the country are intended to soften the nation for a sneak play passage of the Mundt Police State Bill, it grows clearer. Through Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich), one of the sponsors of the bill the McCarthy bloc chraged that the Administration leaders are "trying to block" action on the police state measure.**

**Despite denial by Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas (D-Ill) this attack is likely**



McCARTHY MUNDT BUDENZ

**to be stepped up now, particularly as a result of the vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday. On that ballot a motion to recall the bill to committee lost by a seven to six vote, a bare majority on one. Voting against recall were McCarran (D-Nev), Eastland (D-Miss), O'Conor (D-Md), Ferguson (R-Mich), Jenner (R-Ind), Wiley (R-Wis) and Donnell (R-Mo) Voting for recall of the bill were Langer (R-ND), Kilgore (D-WVa), Kefauver (D-Tenn), Magnuson (D-Wash); Graham (D-NC) and Withers (D-Ky).**

This vote obviously reflected a change since the bill was first reported out by the committee March 4 by a 12 to one majority. In the interim a growing number of persons have learned something of the fascist character of this measure and have made their opposition known to Senators. As a result six members of the judiciary commitee expressed the desire to reconsider the legislation.

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ALTHOUGH THIS VOTE by no means indicates Administration opposition to the bill, it is likely to be seized on by the McCarthy Republicans who will give it this interpretation. Inasmuch as Lucas and his immediate associates have expressed support for the bill, there is danger that a GOP blast of this sort will bring the bill to the floor.

The Mundt bill's main supporters among the Republicans are

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# Thompson Nosed Out in Ford Runoff

DETROIT.—Carl Stellato nosed out Tommy Thompson in the election for president of Ford Local 600, of the United Auto Workers, CIO, unofficial returns showed Friday. Stellato had the support of UAW president Walter P. Reuther. The runoff election gave Stellato 15,020 votes to 14,413 for Thompson, according to complete unofficial returns.

Thompson's vice-president, Lee Romano, lost to Pat Rice, 15,579 to 11,986. The left forces supported Rice.

## Heinrich Mann's Will

LOS ANGELES, April 14. — Heinrich Mann, novelist and brother of Thomas Mann, left his entire estate to a daughter now living in Prague. Mann's estate was listed as a $4,063 bank account and household effects in the will filed for probate in Superior Court. Mann died last March 11 at his Santa Monica home.

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Sidewalks OF NEW YORK

# The New Immigrant Comes to America

By Joseph North



Homer's tragic Odyssey was a pleasure jaunt compared with theirs. His hero Ulysses traveled to the gates of Hell: these people lived there. They are the Jewish immigrants to America, the DP's I have been seeing at HIAS, the immigrant clearing-house in the ancient red-brick building on Lafayette St.

Few in America realize almost 100,000 of the have passed by the Statue of Liberty since the war's end. Most are young, family men, women. Their children skip through the halls of the old HIAS building, excited with the new world, the new life, childishly unaware of their parent's heartbreak. Few of the elders survived to migrate.

A tot of six runs over to me, dark-eyed, her black hair falling to her shoulders. I speak to her in Yiddish. "How was the journey?" I ask. She approaches me, wide-eyed, innocent, smiling. "I vomited" she says artlessly. "But my little sister, she's only a 'pitzele' (a mite), she didn't. She cried all the way."

Then with that air of wisdom the old-young display she said: "When you're older you never cry. I didn't. Not once."

It's more than her parents can say. You talk with them in Yiddish and you find it impossible to realize: these survived tortures Homer never dreamed of. They are loathe to tell the past. This dark-eyed young man with broad shoulders was a 65 pound skeleton when the war ended; this handsome woman saw her mother and three sisters driven to the ovens, this youth unrolls his sleeves to show the branded number.

Now they are in America, great, rich, fabulous—"the golden medena" their fathers talked about a generation back. But they appear worried, apprehensive. Some are heartsick, disillusioned before they descend the gangplank.

Their journey here has been an extension of hell. An old woman in the corridor, near seventy, tells the story. "We thought we had escaped them, but they were on the boat with us, our murderers." This is her story. You hear it a dozen times.

The old convoy ship bore some 1,200 DP's, 200 of them Jewish. Many of the remainder aboard were those renegade Letts, Lithuanians, Poles who saw eye to eye with Hitler. "A stormtrooper on deck says to me," the old woman relates, "Hitler should have cut off all your heads." Somebody in the International Refugee Organization seems to appoint these types to MP duty aboard ship. They swagger down the decks, enjoy baiting the Jews.

One of them from Latvia, came to the old woman's cabin, bearing a pail and mop. "Clean up, old woman" he said, "Scrub the floor." She told him she was old "it's hard to scrub floors at my age."

"We don't recognize age" he said. He forced the old woman to her knees to swab the floors. "He lay down on the bunk, ate an apple, folded his arms behind his head, and watched me."

A sailor on the ship passed at that moment, and saw what was happening. He jerked the fascist from the bunk, threw him out, mop and pail after him. "The sailor was a dark American" the old woman says. A Negro sailor.

"We told the captain about the stormtrooper and he said he couldn't land, 'the U. S. would never permit such a beast to land.'

"But he landed before us, laughing, and he's here now" she said.

This is ominous prelude to their arrival in the Promised Land. I'll tell what happens afterward. What's happening on their jobs? What about their homes? Do they find friendliness, warmth, respect?

The second article will appear in Monday's Daily Worker.

***On The Worker fund drive: C. A. Renard issues on a valuable, and moving, suggestion. He proposes contributions to "Sidewalks of New York," in tribute "to brothers and sisters who have passed on in service for humanity, e.g., Spanish Vets, unionists, Workers Alliance, etc., etc." He contributed in memory of Sam Wiseman. How about you?***

# Robeson to Sing At Freiheit Celebration

Paul Robeson will sing at the celebration of the 28th anniversary of the Morning Freheit which will will be held Saturday night at Carnegie Hall.

Speakers will be Henry Winston, organizational secretary of the Communist Party; Alexander Bittelman, general secretary of the Morning Freheit Association; and Paul Novick, editor, Morning Freheit.

The entertainment program will include the Jewish Philharmonic Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Leo Kopf, and Vladimir Weisman, violinist.

Tickets are on sale at the Morning Freheit Office, 35 E. 12 St., 6th floor and Saturday at the box-office in Carnegie Hall. Tickets are 90 cents to $2.40.

## Rome Population Reaches 1,649,684

ROME (UP).—The population of Rome has reached 1,649,684, an increase of 150,589 persons over last year, the National Institute of Statistics said Friday.

The Instituto listed increases in populations of other main Italian cities as followed: Milan from 1,115,848 to 1,288,812; Naples from 865,913 to 1,021,023, Turin from 629,115 to 726,818 and Genoa from 634,643 to 673,162.

Tenants:

# You Don't Have to Pay More on May 1

**A sharp warning to tenants not to succumb to landlords' "voluntary" increase demands and threats of eviction is being sounded by the New York Tenant, Welfare and Consumer Council in preparation for Dewey's rent law which goes into effect May 1.**

In 100,000 leaflets to be distributed throughout the city within the next few days by its many affiliates with 250,000 members, the Council also warned tenants against letting landlords deprive them of essential services and repairs. "Don't pay higher rent than that of March 1, 1949," is the fourth important "don't" listed for tenants.

Anticipating a field-day in rent gouges beginning May 1, landlords are already demanding from $5 to $20 monthly increases, the Council disclosed. Under the Dewey law, "voluntary" increases without any limit are permitted. Landlords are therefore letting their tenants know what they consider a "voluntary" boost.

Another trick used by the landlord is to say they are taking their houses off the market. Tenants, thrown into a panic at the hopeless prospect of finding another apartment, are expected by the landlord to come to any terms.

Meanwhile the regional Office of Housing Expeditor, the federal agency, has come to a standstill with tenant complaints going uncared for. Since the Administration has decided to junk the federal law when it comes up for renewal in June, the federal rent offices are just winding up affairs.

Widespread evictions and chaos are expected to result from the Dewey rent law. Landlords are permitted eight grounds for evictions, five of which do not even need a certificate of eviction from the State Rent Commission.

One ground permits eviction if the landlord wants the premises for his immediate family, and provides 28 categories of "immediate family." Another ground is that the landlord wants to alter the apartment "substantially." The tenant is not guaranteed hearings either on his original petition against a rent increase, or on appeal.


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# Anti-Semitic Sheets Get Big Coca Cola Ads

**Americans who put down their nickels for the "pause that refreshes" may unwittingly be helping to "refresh" the treasury of an anti-Semitic Ku Klux Klan hate-sheet. For, according to the publication, Opinion, A Journal of Jewish Life and Letters, two Ku Klux-ish papers, papers, Parson Jack and Johnson's Georgia Tribune are being supported by national advertising from the Coca-Cola Co.**

The Klan is violently anti-Catholic, as is well known; and Coca-Cola boss James A. Farley is probably the most prominent Catholic layman in America.

But both Farley and the Klan are notoriously pro-fascist and anti-Communist.

And, declares Joseph Brainin in Opinion (in his article, A Call To Action; The Rebirth of Oragnized Anti-Semitism work in America):

". . . the Klan has also intensified its anti-Semitic work in accordance with the Merwin K. Hart formula of indentifying Jews with Communists."

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**HART**, the head of the pro-fascist National Economic Council, claims to have discovered "atomic anti-Semitism", according to Brainin. For "why revive the dusty, discredited legend of the "Elders of Zion", when one can make the absurd story of a Zionist-Communist alliance palatable to big business?"

"Never before (except possibly at the very height of the Hitler regime)" declared Brainin, "has so much money been spent in America for the production and distribution of literature directed against the Jews."

"Over $1,000,000 was collected by the leading bigots in a 12-month period," the annual survey of race prejudice made public by the Anti-Defamation League last week disclosed.

Merwin Hart's outfit got "at least $140,000" in 1949, the League reported; Gerald L. K. Smith "more than $150,000"; Gerald Winrod, "about $100,000"; Upton Close, $50,000; Joseph P. Kamp, $50,000 and Allan Zoll, former fund-raiser for both Hart and Kamp, $40,000.

"Fifty-seven anti-Semitic organizations were active in 1949", according to the League.

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**WARNING AGAINST** "indifference" being shown by Jewish organizations and the concentration of "virtually" all attention on the new state of Israel, Brainin explains that people must not be lulled because:

"In the past few years anti-Jew- itself through the relatively petty means of physical violence or destruction of property (the short-range anti-Semitic policy), but has entered the psuedo-respectable phase of natonwide 'education' (the long-rang policy of anti-Semitism)."

The Peekskill riots of last summer, Brainin says, marked a return to this "short-range policy."

Financing this "education" in fascist anti-Semitism, by contributions to Hart's organization, Brainin declares, is a roster of major corporations and prominent individuals, including Lammot duPoht; Union Carbide; Gulf Oil; Empire State Building Corp.; American Cyanid; Mohawk Carpet Mills; ex-Senator Albert Hawkes and John J. Raskob.

**THE WALL STREETERS** pay for the dissemination of such poison as the following excerpts from Hart's news-letter:

"The fact is that Zionists and Communist influence (at times the one is stronger, at times the other—frequently they work together) has dictated and controlled practically all moves of American foreign policy since 1933". Substituting the name "Zionist" for "Jew", Hart goes on to say that "these forces dictated the setting up of the UNRA under the control, first of Zionist Herbert H. Lehman and second, of Zionist LaGuardia."

Brainin lists many other anti-Semitic hate sheets. Rapping the "irresponsible action" of the leaders of the American Jewish Committee and others who participated along with Hart and other anti-Semites in the "All-America Conference to Fight Communism" last January he called for "unity" and "vigilant and militant defense" to stem the "rising tide of anti-Jewish feeling."

## this is capitalism

### War's a Blessing to Capitalism

BOSTON.—When Communists and others says that capitalism needs and incites wars, they are reviled as "foreign agents." But Boston Globe business columnist T.G.M. admits: **"War, of course, is the great alleviative to any economic problem with its astronomical consumption of goods while at the same time it draws manpower heavily away from the labor force."**

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### Who Gets Rooked on Taxes? Right!

DETROIT.—Chrysler, Ford, Hudson, Kaiser-Frazer, Burroughs Adding Machine and other industrial giants got millions in tax cuts courtesy of the city treasurer. Chrysler got an $18,481,600 cut in 'personal property' assessment, saving $700,000 in taxes. The Michigan edition of The Worker, which owns all of five battered typewriters and some old desks, got a tax increase!

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### Not His Fault, But He Has to Pay

LOCKHART, Texas.—William Hagedorn, 77-year-old farmer, has to pay $3,126.84 plus costs as "damages" to a couple whose car went off the road near his farm to avoid hitting a mule. But the mule wasn't Hagedorn's, and the first court which held the old man responsible, on the plaintiff's say-so, never even notified Hagedorn to appear. The Texas Supreme Court finally ruled that the mule wasn't Hagedorn's all right, but he'd have to pay the $3,126.84 plus, anyhow, because he hadn't been "diligent in protecting his rights." The sum is far more than foreign-born Hagedorn has saved all his life. Ain't capitalist justice wonderful?

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### Sinclair Oil's Biggest Take

NEW YORK.—The Sinclair Oil Corp. has announced a net profit for 1949 of $54,073,338, after first deducting $5,000,000 for "possible losses in foreign exploratory operations." The take marked the company's second highest in its history.

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### 32 Living in 5 Rooms

DENVER.—A Denver census-taker found 32 persons living in one tiny five-room house, toolshed and garage. The household included a railroad laborer, his wife, 11 unmarried children, five married daughters, their husbands and nine grandchildren.

## it's the Bunk

### The Times Tells a Whopper

NEW YORK TIMES: **"Turkey Again Is Advancing Toward Western Democracy,"** the Times headlines. **BUNK**, because the Times' own C. L. Sulzberger writes from Ankara Marshallized Turkey "has not achieved any broad rise in the standard of living"; it "refuses" workers "the right to strike"; "the army has been allowed too great a voice in primarily civilian economic decisions"; "some political trials are still held in secret" and illiteracy is "estimated at 75 percent."

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### Here's One From the Congress

REP. DEWEY SHORT: "You have to be pretty good to get into this body. You have to be damn good to stay in it," the Missouri Republican says in celebrating his 17th year in Congress. **BUNK**, because crooks like Parnell Thomas, racist scum like Rankin and pro-fascists like Mundt, Nixon and Short himself infest Congress.

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### What's True About Seamen's Union

PAUL HALL: The Communist Party is the group most interested in smashing the maritime union hiring hall because it wants to "continue the program of fomenting disorder and chaos in the shipping industry," says one of the bosses of the AFL Seafarers' Union. **BUNK**, because Communists played a leading role in winning democratic rotary hiring for all seamen regardless of race, and Communists are now fighting to save the hiring hall. **BUNK**, too, because Hall's own union is run with such vicious jimcrow that the U. S. government officially condemned it for sabotaging the war against the Axis.

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### Who's Serving Whom?

HAROLD L. ICKES: Sen. McCarthy's "is the raucous voice of a Goebbels. The master liar of Germany never served Hitler to better effect than McCarthy is now serving the Communists." **BUNK**, because Ickes knows McCarthy wants war and fascism and that the Communists oppose a new war, fascism and the McCarthy witchhunt. It's not McCarthy who is serving the Communists but Ickes who is serving the McCarthys, when he waters down his objection to the red-baiters by echoing their red-baiting.

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### Housing Short? No! You're Wasteful

HENRY HAZLITT: "Statistics do not indicate a real overall housing shortage," the Newsweek Magazine economist writes. "Rent control itself has brought about the APPEARANCE of a housing shortage. For it encourages tenants already in possession to use space wastefully at low rents." **BUNK**, because in New York alone 500,000 people require housing, and because it was the acute housing shortage which brought about rent controls.—R.F.

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(If you come across anything that's "BUNK, because," please send it in).

# It's Worth MILLIONS To Wall St.

By Max Gordon

Wall Street does not have a short political memory.

It recalls that Rep. Vito Marcantonio, when he ran for Mayor last fall, gave New Yorkers a terrific political education with his simple arithmetic about the huge swindle, permitting the financial moguls to get away with $160,000,000 in city taxes each year. He quoted chapter and verse to prove that big properties are systematically underassessed by some six billions.

The American Labor Party leader's speeches on this, and other exposures, of Mayor O'Dwyer's manipulations in favor of the bankers struck home. They made both O'Dwyer and the bankers bitter at Marc. The Mayor threatened to "get" him, and several financiers made private vows along the same lines.

Hence it is not entirely accidental that the tri-party drive to oust the militant laborite congressman next fall got going in high gear on the eve of the annual public tussle on the city budget.

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**EARLY THIS WEEK** there appeared in the press simultaneous statements by an outfit known as the Committee for Republican Action, another known as Independent Democrats, and the phony "Liberal Party," calling for a single candidate to defeat him.

These statements were immediately followed by editorials heartily endorsing them.

The Committee for Republican Action is composed of a handful of Wall Street brokers and their hangers-on, who live in the swank area of Marc's 18th congressional district. The "Independent Democrats" are similarly a group of upper crust members of that Party; while the Liberal Party is the hanger-on of whichever major party will throw it a few crumbs.

The tri-party move is known to have the backing of Mayor O'Dwyer, who is being reminded of last fall's election campaign in the present budget fight.

The Mayor has submitted a financial program which has all sections of the public workers, as well as most civic-minded grownups, up in arms. It welches on his wage-increase promises to teachers, lets the underpaid transit workers down with not one solitary gain, refuses to meet requests of the other public workers for a long overdue 40-hour week, upgrading and wage increases.

In addition, the welfare budget is admittedly some $20,000,000 below the minimum needed, and various aspects of child welfare are sevcrely hit.

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**PRESSURE** against the budget has developed even among conservative teacher and civil service groups, as well as among the transit workers.



MARCANTONIO

The Mayor had hoped to stifle the opposition by Taft-Hartley tactics against the most militant union groups—the independent United Public Workers and its affiliated Teachers Union. He refused

His efforts to crush opposition were fruffless, however. The two militant organizations have called mass demonstrations against the budget, as well as against the Mayor's Taft-Hartley suppression tactics; while even the conservative groups have been compelled by their members to put up a stiff battle.

And they have countered the Mayor's arguments of "no funds" by citing much of the material used by Rep. Marcantonio in his election campaign to show the Mayor where he can get the money.

### Butchers Locked Out

LOS ANGELES (FP). — More than 2,000 AFL butchers and operating engineers were on the streets here charging "lockout" as approximately 40 independent packing houses closed down rather than grant union demands for a seven-hour day.

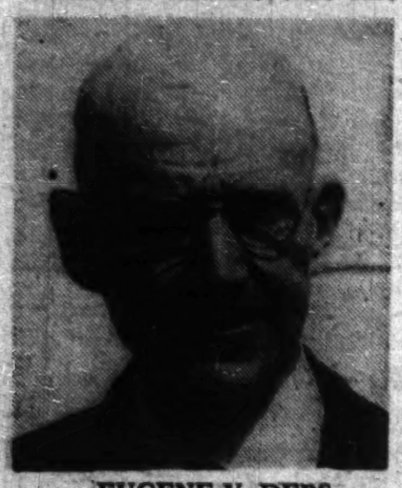
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# Why We Need May Day

**MAY DAY IS APPROACHING** and it is giving the traditional jitters to the democracy-haters who own and control the nation's industries for their private profit.

**It is especially giving the jitters to the war-hungry munition makers who know full well that this May Day is going to sound the mightiest call for world peace in human history.**



EUGENE V. DEBS

**That's why we read in the Big Business magazines that there are going to be "riots" in Berlin on May Day and that the war fever will be heated up this Spring to new heights by the press.**

May Day has always been the day when the working people speak their piece on the stage of history. The working people could never really speak in the parliaments and congresses of the capitalist countries.

**American labor was compelled to launch the first May Day in 1886 because Labor had no other way of making its views felt. There probably wasn't a single ordinary working man in the entire Congress.**

That tradition has grown and flourished to this day. Now it is not just the few thousands of American workers who will march in their cities and towns but HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF WORKERS all over the world.

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**ONE LOOK AT THE WORLD** today sure proves how much the May Day message of Labor is needed by the entire country.

We need May Day because we want to save the fast-dying remnants of our traditional democratic liberty. The Supreme Court has ruled that the Cold War supersedes the U. S. Constitution! It has refused to admit that neither Eugene Dennis nor the other victims of the Un-American Committee had any rights in the face of the probe into their political views! If Dennis goes to jail, political freedom goes with him. The Court tried to argue that a fear-ridden jury of Government employees could give a Communist a fair trial. The whole world knows that such juries are not juries at all, but terrified employees who would not dare to risk their jobs by defying the FBI's indictments of the Un-American Committee.



EUGENE DENNIS

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**WE NEED MAY DAY** to keep the Cold War from killing our Constitution via the Mundt Police State Bill. If this Bill is passed, liberty will be dead in our America. The Bill would outlaw the Communist Party FIRST; then it would gag every American who dared to talk of American-Soviet negotiation and peace. It would brand as "subversive" every trade union, every Negro organization, etc., that dared to defy the warmongers or the Big Business tories on ANY POLITICAL ISSUE WHATSOEVER.

We need May Day to stop the horrible plot to plunge the U.S.A. into a WORLD-WIDE ATOMIC SLAUGHTER. No nation menaces the U.S.A. No nations wants to or can. The myth of "Soviet aggression" is a fake borrowed right out of the book of the Hitler Nazis and the Tokyo Pearl Harbor criminals.

Russia needs peace to build her Socialist industry. There is not a single human being in the USSR that stands to gain from another war. No one there profits from war contracts or empire grabs. The USSR stands for the PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE OF SOCIALISM AND CAPITALISM. It offers disarmament and the outlawing of all atomic weapons, BACKED BY STRICT U.N. INSPECTION.

**We need May Day to speak for our kids who must not die in atomic massacre!**

May Day is the day of hope, of the vision of human brotherhood and peace. May Day is the day when the working people of the world stand up and say we will oppose another way for private profits.

**"Only the capitalist class has any interest in making war," cried our great American Socialist forerunner, Eugene V. Debs. This May Day will hear that challenge shouted from every corner of the globe.**

# Chile Quisling Comes Here; Poet Brands Him Traitor

By Pablo Neruda

**Pablo Neruda is famed not only as Chile's greatest poet but as one of the greatest figures in world literature. He was elected Senator in Chile as a Communist when President Gonzalez Videla of Chile had united in a solemn election pact with the Communists and other progressives. After the presidential elections in 1946 Gonzalez Videla turned against his allies, and unleashed a reign of terror against trade unionists and Communists. He forced Neruda into exile and this open letter is addressed to the American people on the occasion of Gonzalez Videla's current visit to the United States.**

IT WAS cold that day in Lota. Coal dust weighted the icy Pacific air and the damp fog, a blanket over more than ten thousand men, women and children, shivering in their rags.

Let me tell you about them. Twelve hours a day, the miners in Lota work, and for that their pay is 50 cents—not for an hour but for the whole day. They stood there, and from rotten, crumbling houses, roofs open to cold and rain and fog and black soot, their women came to join them. Now, however, the faces of these children of poverty had an unusual look. Because they were looking at hope.

Gabriel Gonzales Videla was speaking to them, and Gabriel Gonzales Videla was a candidate for the Presidency of Chile, and the candidate spoke of hope and promises. An end to Feudalism, he promised them, an end of the political police. The land would be divided, and there would be better pay for the workers and better houses for their families. He would be their champion against their oppressors, and through him would come a new life.

Then, at the most intense moment of the meeting, a little old woman, wrinkled and ragged, a specter of the mines, came out of the crowd and up to the platform, and said to him:

"It is so much that you will give us, that I will give you all that I have."

And from her rags she took a few pennies and gave them to the candidate. The crowd applauded. The candidate wept, and, holding the pennies in his hand, he, Videla, said:

"Comrades, over these pennies, given through sacrifice, I say to you that if I should betray you, then put me in front of a firing squad—to die the way traitors die."

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A FEW MONTHS passed, and Gabriel Gonzales Videla began to keep his promises. Now he was President of Chile. In that same mining town, Lota, where he had made his pact with the workers, the miners struck. It was a legal strike. Not one penny had wages been raised. It was still cold, and life was no easier, no better. So the workers struck.

But things had changed now, and things were different now. The man who had promised them so many good things was President of Chile. His picture hung in the mines, a tricolor sash on his chest, a dinner jacket underneath the sash. So the strike would be simple, you see, and the workers wired to him:

"Come and help us, President Videla."

So he sent help. He sent tanks and artillery and airplanes. He sent warships to lay off the coast and hold the town under its guns. He sent his police, and in the night they entered the wretched homes and took the workers from their beds, and their wives and their children, too. Men and women were tortured, beaten into unconsciousness. Then, when the first stage was done, cattle cars were brought to Lota, and, into the cattle cars, like beasts, were packed the miners and their wives and their children.

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FOR DAYS, the cattle cars rumbled south, and then, in a desolate antarctic wasteland, almost a thousand miles from their homes, the cars were unloaded.

In those cars, children died, pregnant women miscarried, and a new hell for Chile was created. But President Videla was learning his job. Not flowers, but concentration camps blossomed. And they were effective, for one of them, Pisagua, came to be called the Camp of Extermination, so many had died there.

But Videla had only started. He closed down 15 newspapers. It became a crime to think. The political police were increased by the thousands. All government employes who were not trusted fascists were dismissed. Writers were persecuted. The right of political asylum was destroyed. Those Spanish Republicans who had been given refuge by a former government were now imprisoned, and anti-Semitism was nurtured.

That was three years ago. . . .

That was three years ago. He explained it all by saying, "War is war."

Before Gonzaless Videla, the lot of the peasants was hard indeed. One person would own a million or more acres, and the poor peasant, scrabbing on his little bit of land, never knew an end to his hunger.

To these poor peasants, Gonzales Videla had promised agrarian reform. So when he became President, he carried out reform. He raised the prices of food products, and any peasant who protested or called for an end to feudal slavery was speedily imprisoned.

Then, so that the wrath of the people might not sweep him out of power, he erased from the electoral books the names of more than fifty thousand persons. You see, in my land, less than ten percent of the population may vote. So with the votes he could buy and the fifty thousand votes he destroyed, Chilean democracy came to an end.

Many more things I could tell you, tragic things. We have survived many horrors, we Latin Americans. We have lived under the cruel exploitation of foreign companies and felt the whips of our native oppressors. In our history, there is much blood and much agony. But there is also much hope and struggle and aspiration. And there is brotherhood. That is why the new executioners in Chile—where the people's consciousness is growing—have not been able to come to power with a bloodied saber. No, they needed the rotten lying mask of a Gonzales Videla.

Yes, our America has had its great monsters, Gomez of Venezuela and Rosas of Argentina; but never was there a betrayal of good and decency like that of Gonzales Videla. The others were almost native monsters, so as to speak, but Gonzales Videa is a tool, a liar and a traitor, a quisling, a Laval, a Judas!

My people are brave. Their resistance has been heroic. I have no space to tell how they fought to tear the mask of lies from Gonzales Videla. But we paid a price, and when this evil man is crushed, many a hatred will remain among people who did not once know how to hate.

Hatred is the child of Gonzales Videla, and this hatred has come to North America. The democratic peoples of our hemisphere did not want this. My people know the difference between your monopolies and your workers, between your people and your munition-makers. Well do my people know who was Jefferson and who is Truman. Your Whitmans, Robesons and Fasts, my people love—but they do not love your Achesons.

A warm bond lives between your people and mine. They do not beliexe that the evil deeds of Gonzales Videla were approved by the American people, but they do know that these evil deeds were planned by those who are your enemies as well as ours, the Kennans and the Millers of the State Department. Well do my people know them—even as well as they know the democratic grandeur of your history.

From Videla came hatred for all North Americans, for he was the eager tool of great copper and iron interests of the United States the nitrate interests—and other American monopolies who live by the blood of my people.

How bloody and hateful he made the name of the United States in my land! In China and in Greece too this happened. and I speak to you as a Chilean and I speak for a people who have suffered much, but who will conquer their oppressors, even as the Chinese did and as the Greeks will.

Then, how difficult it will be to put aside the hatred Gonzales Videla has made. The agony he visited upon us—in your name.

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**THIS IS THE MAN** who now will be received in Washington. Not a tiger from our tropical jungle, but rather is Videla a jackel, a Laval, a cowardly poisoner.

He crawls to Washington to be

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# 100,000 circulation in 1950

***Last week we printed 68,513***

In the five-week period following the national subscription drive we obtained 2,090 subs. This rate is too slow in a drive to reach 100,000 readers by the end of the year.

The first quarter of the year is behind us. We have nine months to go to make the change. The time is adequate if speedy steps are taken to make a change in the next few weeks in building the press.

Philadelphia established the first Friends of The Worker organization. From other parts of the country have come requests for suggestions on setting up such an organization.

Claudia Jones, secretary of the Women's Commission of the Communist Party, sends us the following interesting information:

**"I recently returned from a tour where I spoke on the press in Erie, Pa., and Rochester, N. Y. In Erie many industrial workers attended the meeting and contributed $180 for the press fund. In Rochester I spoke to a banquet attended by 250 persons sponsored by the Workers Press Committee of that city. A majority of those attending were not Communists. All who attended were regular readers of The Worker. They raised $300 for the workers' press."**

How about establishing a permanent Friends of The Worker organization in Rochester and also in Erie?

## USSR Increases Automatic Welders

MOSCOW.—The USSR has now 12 times as many automatic welding machines as in 1946, the beginning of the postwar Five-Year Plan. The automatic welder designed by the Soviet scientist Academician Evgeni Paton, accelerates the welding process eightfold.

# what's on

## SATURDAY

### Manhattan

ERROR! ERROR! People's Drama Film Members: For Saturday Nite's (April 15, 8:30 p.m.) private full length film showing and social by People's Drama Film Ass'n—go to Chateau Gardens, Houston St. & 2nd Ave. (IND "E" or "F" train to Second Ave Sta.). To obtain your membership card ($1.25), call CH 2-9027 immediately. We had to turn hundreds away at last week's benefit. You can't see this special film series elsewhere!

LOOK NO FURTHER—here's where you want to go tonight (Saturday, April 15). It's another terrific Tompkins Square YPA Social, with loads of fun for everyone. Dancing. Top Entertainment, refreshments, all in our large newly decorated clubroom. Just grab the bus at 14th St. and hustle on down—30 Ave. B (corner 6th St.—3rd Flr.). Festivities start at 9—and ??? Cost. $1.00.

FREEDOM THEATER PRESENTS special previews of 'Longitude 49'—a new play by Herb Tank, with audience discussion, Saturday, Sunday, April 15, 16—8:30 p.m. Admission $1.00 new members. Members 75c. Auspices: Czechoslovak House, 347 E. 72nd St. Call RH 4-9273 for theater parties and reservations.

SOLIDARITY STUDIO PARTY given by the American Folksay Group. Sing with Ronee, Walter and Jerry. Square and social dancing and refrahments 23 W. 19th St.—8:00 p.m. Saturday, April 15.

JOIN OUR FUN, members, friends! Surprise attractions, congenial atmosphere, folk, social. Cultural Folk Dance Group, 128 E. 16th St.

STUDENT LYL Spring Dance: Square and social dancing, refreshments, entertainment. 107 W. 109th St. Donation 50c. 8:30 p.m.

HAVE YOU BEEN HYPNOTIZED? Married? Divorced? or kissed lately? All this and dancing, too—at Wash. Hts. LYL Carnival. Saturday, April 15—8:30 p.m. 859 Ft. Wash. Ave. Apt. 1a. Don. 2c per inch waist.

REMEMBER THE SPAGHETTI—Party in Paradise alley? Well there aint gonna be no spaghetti, but there'll be Ginger, Louise, Paradise Alley, food, dancing & refreshments for an unbeatable combination. 503 E. 11th St., 2nd house top floor. Help the needy meet there fund drive quota. $1.00 donation.

THE NEW GULLIVER—famous full-length Soviet satire on bourgeoisie, parliaments, war, with over 3,000 animated puppets and clever musical score. 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 p.m. Social all evening. New membership fee: $1.00. Saturday Night Film Club, 111 W. 89th St.

RECTOR BAILEY and electric guitar, Calypso songs, music, warm people, hot music, delicious refreshments, dancing to wee hours. Cont. 75c. ALP, 1st A.D. North, 250 4th Ave.

FUN GALORE at Yorkville LYL Carnival: games, dancing, eats, refreshments. Sub. 50c. Saturday, 8 p.m. at 350 E. 81st St.—3rd Flr.

RITES OF SPRING FESTIVAL — this party's got everything! Hootenanny atmosphere—clubroom, spontaneous, dancing, refreshments, Broadway entertainment, Lee Weinberg's Band at ALP, 220 W. 80th St. 8:30 p.m. Sub. $1.00.

AWAKE AND SING . . . "an extraordinarily effective performance," said one critic. See for yourself the Jefferson Theater Workshop's exciting production of Clifford Odets' 3-act classic. Repeated this Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 14, 15, 16 . . . 8:30 p.m. at the Jefferson School Theater . . . 16th St. & 6th Ave. Admission $1.00 (tax incl.).

TIME MARCHES ON in "Valley Town" study of steel town with Blitzstein's songs, music. Time Marches Backwards in "March of the Movies." Compare excerpts of old and new films. Hollywood today vs. Henry V, Shoe Shine, Valpone, etc. Vote-Your-Own-Film Club: 6 Fifth Ave. (off 8th St.) Film showings 9 & 11 p.m. Continuous dancing all evening. 75c tax. Special Children's film program Saturday, 3:15 p.m. (50c).

HANGING ON UNION SQUARE and Canton Rickshaw. Hit plays by H. T. Tsiang. 8:45 p.m. 225 W. 46th St. Phone AU 3-7894.

CAFE DNUF EVIRD—The gayest Peace party in town at Dorie Miller LYL Club, 2315 7th Ave. Dance, refreshments, entertainment. Cont. 60c.

### Bronx

PARTY FOR MIKE—leaving to join Challenge Chaplin Festival. Square dancing, refreshments. Unity LYL, 1029 E. 163rd St. Rm. 5. 8:30 p.m. Sub. 65c.

SPRING DANCE. Band — Red Cohen Combo. Entertainment. Soul Club Ruthenberg. Saturday, April 15. Coop Auditorium, 2705 Bronx Park East. Sub $1.00.

### Brooklyn

TONIGHT! BROWNSVILLE ALP, 203 Saratoga Ave. (near Livonia) for a "hot" time at our home-warming. Food, entertainment, people. Sub. 75c.

HAVE A GRAND TIME at the 10th CD ALP Spring Frolic. Food, entertainment, dancing, games and fun galore. Donation 25c, at 1199 St. Johns Pl. (corner Albany Ave.).

HOWARD FAST on the Warsaw Ghetto. Songs by Ron Elms and singing at the JYP Center, 865 Cleveland St., 8:30 Sharp. Subs. 75c.

### Queens

ROCKAWAY LYL Dance for Peace, April 15 at 8:30. Dancing, refreshments, entertainment. At 2117 Mott Ave., Far Rockaway. Convenient to all transportation. Cont. 75c.

## SUNDAY

### Manhattan

CHARLIE CHAPLIN in "The Circus" and "Tillie's Punctured Romance"—two of Chaplin's funniest full-length comedies; extra added attraction—hilarious scenes from Chaplin's "Gold Rush." Continuous showings, 7:30 p.m. to 12 midnight, Sunday, April 16. Program notes by David Platt. Bar, refreshments. Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41st St. (2 blocks from Times Square). 83c plus tax.

"DEFEAT THE MUNDT BILL" RALLY. Speakers: former Congressman O'Connell and Ewart Guinier. Entertainment by Pete Seeger. Adm. free. Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41st St., 1:30 p.m., April 16. Ausp.: Nature Friends of America.

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SUNDAY WHING-DING session. Meet new singers, new songs. Sing all afternoon with Pete Seeger, Ernie Lieberman, Sylvia Kahn, others. People's Artists Studio, 106 E. 14th St., 2 to 5 p.m.

VILLAGE PARTY, 122 University Pl., near 14th St. Food, wine, special films and entertainment. Starts 7 p.m. All for $1.25.

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STUDIO PARTY. Come all members, friends. Congenial atmosphere, folk dancing, fun. Cultural Folk Dance Group, 128 E. 16th St.

FORUM and DISCUSSION: Psychiatry and the Artist. Ausp.: Artists League of America. Sunday, April 16, 71 Fifth Ave., 8:30 p.m. Adm. 75c. Members 50c.

THIS IS what you're looking for. Cass Carr and his 12-piece orchestra plays this Sunday night at 8. Greenwich Village Studio, 430 Sixth Ave. (near 9th St.). Adm. $1.00 (tax incl.).

"VALLEY TOWN" with Blitzstein's music. "March of the Movies." From Griffith to Shoe Shine. Also latest techniques in color photography. Discussion, dance. 75c plus tax. 6 Fifth Ave. (off 8th St.). Showings 9 and 11 p.m.

MEMORIAL MEETING. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Warsaw Ghetto. Film: Nuremberg Trials. Speakers: Johannes Steel (recently returned from Europe), Ewart Guinier, international secretary-treasurer, United Public Workers. Sunday, April 16, 8:15 p.m. Adm. 50c. Hotel Manhattan Towers, 76th St. and Broadway. American Labor Party, 5th and 7th A.D. clubs.

### Bronx

JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, speaks on the "Hollywood 10" plus film strip on the investigations, Sunday, April 16, 8:00 p.m. ALP Headquarters, 693 Allerton Ave., Bronx. Social & refreshments. Don. 60c.

FILMS & FORUMS: "Dusey Wilkerson speaks on Negro & Jewish Unity." These films: "Story of Dr. Carver," "What's Happening in Harlem," & "Brotherhood of Man," 8:30 p.m. sharp. Sub 50c. Tremont Section CP, 807 Tremont Ave.

### Brooklyn

"NATIVE LAND" plus speaker plus coffee plus dancing . . . Sub. one quarter. Brownsville Young Progressives, 375 Saratoga Ave. 8:30 p.m.

### Coming

THE DAILY WORKER Cultural Department presents a Special Performance of the great Soviet film "Childhood of Maxim Gorky." Directed by Mark Donskoy. Adapted from Gorky's book. Friday, May 12, 10:30 p.m. at the Stanley Theatre, 41st St. & 7th Ave., NYC. Tickets available through Feature Dept., Daily Worker, 50 E. 13th St., N.Y. Tel.: AL 4-7954.

"FANTASY ON RUSSIAN THEMES" by Rimsky Korsakoff, performed by Boris Maliuswitch—World Famous Concertina Soloist at Annual Concert New York Mandolin Symphony Orchestra, Samuel Firstman, conductor. Saturday, April 22, 8:30 p.m. Town Hall (43rd St. East of Broadway). Music by Haydn, Gluck, Bizet. Tickets 90c to $1.50 at box office.

"SPRING FEVER" HOOTENANNY with Earl Robinson, the Ai-Ye Trio (African Songs and Dances), Hope Foye and Ernie Lieberman, Les Pine and Serge Hovey, Betty Sanders, William Marshall, Betty Ancona, Bill Robinson. Friday, April 21 at the Penthouse. Tix $2 at Bookfair, Jefferson Bookshop, Workers Bookshop and People's Artists, 106 E. 14th St.


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# Backtracks on Gag to Transit Fact-Finders

Mayor O'Dwyer on Friday backtracked from the Board of Transportation's position that his transit fact-finding committee was to make no recommendations on wages and hour demands of the Transport Workers Union.

"There are to be no limitations whatsoever on the fact-finding committee," he said, lending weight to rumors that some concessions on the 21-cent-an-hour and 40-hour week at prevailing pay demands might be forthcoming. Meanwhile the union was pushing its plans for a Monday stoppage from noon to 4 p. m.

The mayor's statement came at a press conference where reporters asked for comment on higher-fare reports. The Board of Transportation has virtually called for a 13-cent subway and bus ride during three days of transit hearings ending Friday over the union's proposals.

O'Dwyer was also asked to clarify a statement by Howard C. Fischbach, assistant Corporation Counsel, to the committee that it could make no recommendations on wages and working conditions.

The mayor said nothing about the fare issue but declared the fact-finding committee had no limitations "as to scope except that the board, the union and the city should be heard."

O'Dwyer's implied rebuke to the Corporation Counsel and the Board of Transportation was seen as further evidence of his connivance with Michael J. Quill, TWU leader, who on Friday denounced Deputy Mayor William Reid, former Board chairman, and Edward McNally, the board's general manager, as "those two evil characters." Quill's testimony before the fact-finders made no mention of O'Dwyer who is chiefly responsible for the present chaos on the subway system.

Mounting pressure of rank and file transit workers over higher-fare and wage-stall deals is believed to be the main reason for the mayor's turnabout on the Board of Transportation and Quill's desperate effort to separate Reid from O'Dwyer in placing blame for the present dispute.

Quill told the committee that the union intended to push through its noon to 4 p.m. stoppage on Monday and shouted: "If Dictator William Reid disciplines one member of our union, we'll close down the entire subway system."

## China Ratifies Pact With USSR

HONG KONG.—Chinese Communist leader Mao Tze-tung on the occasion of ratification of the Sino-Soviet friendship and alliance treaty realfirmed his high esteem for the Soviet Union, Pekin's radio reported Friday.

Mao said the people's victory in China can be consolidated under two conditions: 1. "Carrying through the peoples's democratic dictatorship," and 2. "Unity with international friends."

# The New Jewish Immigrants

**Do you know 100,000 Jews have come to America since the war ended?**

**Most of them are DP's, have gone through the hell of Dachau, Buchenwald, Oswiecim.**

**They have brought their children to the new world. What do they find here? What's happening to them? What are they thinking?**

**Find out about them from the series by Joseph North, in his Sidewalks of New York, starting in the New York edition of the week-end Worker.**

# Neruda

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paid in dollars for his deeds. This is the time of the traitor, the jackal—but it is also the time of the peoples victorious.

As he receives his pay in Washington, let the people of your land remember the miners of Lota, the women and children of a distant country called Chile, where there is cold and poverty and hunger and hatred. Let your people remember, for a hangman and a murderer visits you. Let them pay him off in Washington, you can give him what he deserves—hatred and contempt.

Written in exile in Mexico DF, April 3, 1950.

PABLO NERUDA

## Why Pastor Fights Deportation Hysteria

A Protestant Minister Speaks, a message from Rev. John W. Darr, Jr., has been issued in a special folder. It was announced yesterday by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

"I support the fight against the deportation hysteria because I am a Protestant minister," Rev. Darr states in his message. "As a Protestant, I am deeply concerned whenever people are persecuted for their ideas. I know from the history of my church that heresy hunts and heresy trials lead to authoritarianism. It was to escape oppression that my Protestant forefathers came to America to give this land many of its landmarks of liberty. . . . This noble heritage is put in jeopardy when men and women face deportation for their ideas. . . ."

# Youth Rally to Hear Plans For May Day

Plans for full mobilization of New York's youth in the May Day Parade will be outlined at the Youth Rally and Dance for Peace this evening at the Hotel Capitol, Eighth Avenue and 51 Street. Sponsored by the Manhattan Labor Youth League, the Rally will hear of the plans being worked on to guarantee a large-scale turnout in the LYL contingent, and of large numbers of unaffiliated young people in the May Day demonstration around the demands of No H-Bomb Future for Youth, for Jobs, Negro Rights, the Right to an Education.

Benjamin J. Davis, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, will speak. Other speakers will be LYL leaders Joe Bucholt, Roosevelt Ward and Maury Colow.

The Rally and Dance begins at 7:30 P.M. Admission is 50 cents.


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HOOTENANNY
Earl Robinson, Ai-Ye Trio, Les Pine and Serge Hovey, Hope Foye, Ernie Lieberman, Betty Sanders, William Marshall, Betty Ancona, Bill Robinson
Friday, April 21 — 8 P.M.
13 Astor Place, Penthouse
Tix $1.00 (tax incl.)
Reserved section sold in advance at PEOPLE'S ARTISTS, 106 E. 14th St. Bookfair, Jefferson Bookshop, Workers Bookshop

"DEFEAT THE MUNDT BILL"
RALLY
Sun., April 16—1:30 P.M.
Speakers:
• JERRY O'CONNELL Ex-Congressman
• EWART GUINIER Labor Leader
Entertainment: PETE SEEGER
YUGOSLAV HALL
450 West 41st Street
Sponsored by NATURE FRIENDS OF AMERICA
Free Admission

MIDTOWN FILM CIRCLE presents
CHARLIE CHAPLIN in
• "THE CIRCUS" and
• "TILLIE'S PUNCTURED ROMANCE"
2 Full-Length Comedies
Special added attraction: Scenes from "The Gold Rush" (3 reels)
Program Notes by DAVID PLATT
Cont. Showings from 7:30 P.M. to 12 Mid.
Last Showing of "The Circus" at 11 P.M.
SUNDAY, April 16 — Bar - Refreshments
YUGOSLAV HALL 405 West 41st St.
2 blocks from Times Square 83c plus tax

DANCE SQUARE & SOCIAL
Saturday, April 15 — 9 P.M.
Hotel Capitol—51st & 8 Ave.
ASP
and 2nd original topical revue
Tickets available at Bookfair, 133 W. 44th St., or at ASP office, 49 W. 44th St. — MU 7-2161
$1.80 (tax incl.); $1.80 more for reserved seats
GUEST STARS
★ Joey Faye
★ Uta Hagen
★ Judy Holliday
★ Anita Alvarez
★ George Hall
★ Billy Sands
★ Les Pine
★ Lorenzo Fuller
★ Sam Wanamaker
★ Carmen Gutierez
★ J. Edw. Bromberg

JOHN'S RESTAURANT





Everybody Who Is Anybody
WILL BE AT THE ANNUAL
SPRING DANCE
of the
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SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 15
PENTHOUSE — 13 Astor Place
Tickets: $1.65 in advance, $1.80 at door (tax included); for sale at: Bookfair, 133 W. 44th St.; Workers Bookshop, 35 E. 12th St.; Jefferson Bookshop, 575 Sixth Ave., and Vets' Office, 23 W. 26th St.

# RADIO PROGRAMS

WMCA — 570 ks. WINS — 1010 ks. WHN — 1050 ks.
WNBC — 660 ks. WKYD — 1280 ks. WBNY — 1480 ks.
WOR — 710 ks. WCBS — 880 ks. WOV — 1250 ks.
WJZ — 770 ks. WNEW — 1130 ks. WQXR — 1560 ks.
WNYC — 830 ks. WILD — 1190 ks.

## SATURDAY

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC—News, Critics Corner
WOR—Man on the Farm
WJZ—Home Gardener
WCBS—Theatre of Today
WNYC—Midday Symphony
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert
12:15-WNBC—Public Affairs
12:30-WNBC—Lopez Orchestra
WOR—News; The Answer Man
WJZ—News; American Farmer
WCBS—Grand Central Station
1:00-WNBC—Farm and Home Hour
WOR—Luncheon at Sardi's
WJZ—Navy Hour
WCBS—Stars Over Hollywood
WNYC—Concert
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony
1:30-WNBC—Chicago Round Table
WOR—Variety Show
WJZ—Roger Dan Show
2:30-WNBC—Downtown Glee Club
WJZ—Let's Go to the Opera
WCBS—County Fair
WNYC—World Theatre
WQXR—News; Record Review
2:30-WNBC—Denmark Easter Greetings
WCBS—Get More Out of Life
WQXR—Movie Music
WOR—Variety Musicale
3:00-WNBC—Pioneers of Music
WOR—B-Bar-B Riders
WCBS—Report from Overseas
3:15-WCBS—Adventures in Science
3:30-WOR—Cisco Kid, Sketch
WCBS—Farm News
3:45-WCBS—Cross Section, USA.
4:00-WNBC—Living—1950
WCBS—Racing—Jamaica
WOR—Count of Monte Cristo
WQXR—News; Record Album
4:30-WOR—Variety Musicale
WQXR—Music of Our Time
5:00-WNBC—Song Festival
WOR—John Steele, Sketch
WJZ—Tea and Crumpets
WCBS—Philadelphia Orchestra
WNYC—Hands Across the Sea
WQXR—News; Keyboard Artists
5:30-WNBC—To Be Announced
WOR—Radio Harris
WQXR—Cocktail Time

EVENING

6:00—WNBC—Ken Banghart
WOR—Lyle Van, News
WJZ—News, Albert Warner
WCBS—Bill Slater, News
WQXR—Theatre of Dance
WNYC—Ballet Time
6:15-WNBC—To Be Announced
WCBS—Views of the Press
6:30-WNBC—NBC Spring Concert
WJZ—Harry Wismer
WOR—News
WCBS—Sports Review
WQXR—Dinner Concert
6:45-WOR—Sports
WJZ—Melody Rendezvous
7:00-WOR—Richard L. Tobin
WCBS—Young Love, Sketch
WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WQXR—News; On Stage
7:15-WOR—Answer Man
7:30-WNBC—Joe Di Maggio Show
WCBS—Vaughn Monroe
WOR—Comedy of Errors
WJZ—Chandu—Sketch
WQXR—Scenes from Opera
8:00-WNBC—Dimension X, Sketch
WOR—Twenty Questions
WQXR—News Symphony Hall
WJZ—Orrin Tucker Show
WCBS—Gene Autry Show
8:30-WNBC—Truth or Consequences
WJZ—Hollywood Byline
WOR—Get More Out of Life
WCBS—The Goldbergs
WNYC—Gilbert and Sullivan Music
9:00-WNBC—Hit Parade
WOR—Catholic Charities
WJZ—Rayburn and Finch Show
WCBS—Gangbusters
WQXR—Great Conductors
9:30-WNBC—Dennis Day Show
WCBS—Arthur Godfrey
WOR—Guy Lombardo Show
10:00-WNBC—Judith Canova Show
WOR—Theatre of the Air
WJZ—At the Shamrock
WCBS—Welcome Back Baseball
WQXR—Wings of Song
10:30-WNBC—Grand Ole Opry
WQXR—Pop Concert
WJZ—Voice That Lives
WCBS—Sing It Again

## SUNDAY

MORNING

8:35-WNEW—Children's Playhouse
9:00-WNBC—World News
WNYC—American Artists
WCBS—World News
WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WOR—Harry Hennessy, News
9:15-WNBC—The Comic Weekly Man
WOR—Faith to Live By
WCBS—Organ Music
9:30-WOR—Sunday Chapel
WJZ—The Voice of Prophecy
9:45-WNBC—Male Quartet
WCBS—Trinity Choir
10:00-WNBC—National Radio Pulpit
WOR—News: Henry Gladstone
WJZ—Message of Israel
WCBS—Church of the Air
WQXR—News
10:30-WNBC—Children's Hour
WJZ—The Southernaires
WOR—Heartbeat in the News
WCBS—Church of the Air
WNYC—Scenes from the Operas
11:00-WOR—Henry Gladstone
WJZ—Foreign Reporter
WQXR—News
WCBS—Allen Jackson, News
11:15-WOR—Brunch—Dorothy and Dick
WJZ—Frank and Ernest, Talk
WCBS—World News Report
11:30-WNBC—Charles McCarthy, News
WNYC—Violinist

## Three Charlie Chaplin Features Sunday Night

Charlie Chaplin's full-length films, The Circus and Tillie's Punctured Romance will be repeated this Sunday night, April 16 at Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41 St. As a special added attraction scenes from Chaplin's classic Gold Rush will be shown. Continuous performances from 7:30 to midnight.

## RADIO HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, April 15

PM
6:15—CBS views the Press. WCBS
6:30—Spring Concert. WNBC.

TV
6:45—Nature of Things. WNBT
8:00—Saturday Night Revue. WNBT
8:00—Paul Whiteman Teen Club. WJZ.

Sunday, April 16

12:00 M—Invitation to Learning. WCBS

PM
1:15—Elmo Roper. WCBS
2:00—NBC Theatre. WNBC
3:00—N. Y. Philharmonica. WCBS
3:30—Juvehile Jury. WOR
6:00—Oscar Brand. WNYC
6:30—Henry Morgan show. WNBC
6:30—Our Miss Brooks. WCBS
8:00—Edgar Bergen-Charlie McCarthy. WCBS
8:30—Theatre Guild. WNBC
10:00—The Lively Orts. WNEW.

TV
7:00—Paul Whiteman Revue. WJZ
7:30—This Is Show Business. WCBS
9:00—Television Playhouse. WNBT.

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC—Jinx Falkenburg
WCBS—Invitation to Learning
WOR—The Little Club
WJZ—Next Week in N. Y.
WNYC—Midday Symphony
WQXR—News; Symphonic Varieties
12:05-WQXR—Symphony Varieties
12:30-WNBC—The Eternal Light
WOR News—Melvin Elliott
WCBS—People's Platform
WCBS—News Reports
WJZ—Piano Playhouse
WQXR—Record Music
12:45-WOR—John Wyatt
WQXR—Musical Specialties
1:00-WNBC—American Forum
WJZ—Religious Talk
WOR—Frank Farell
WCBS—Charles Collingwood
WNYC—Music
1:15-WCBS—Elmo Roper
1:30-WNBC—N. Y. Quiz Kids
WJZ—National Vespers
WOR—The Show Shop
WCBS—L. P. Record Parade
2:00-WOR Deems Taylor Concert
WCBS—Music for You
WNBC—NBC Theatre
WJZ—Easter Parade
WNYC—Brooklyn Museum Concert
WQXR—News; Orchestra Melodies
2:30-WOR—B-Bar B-Riders
WJZ—Mr. President
WCBS—Galen Drake
3:00-WOR—Mr. Dynamic
WNBC—To Be Announced
WJZ—Vacation Time
WCBS—The Choraliers
WJZ—This Week
3:30-WNBC—Quiz Kids
WOR—Juvenile Jury
4:00-WNBC—Night Beat
WOR—Hopalong Cassidy
WJZ—Sammy Kaye
4:30-WNBC—High Adventure
WOR—Private Investigator
WJZ—Milton Cross—Opera Album
WCBS—L.P. Recordings
WNYC—Music
5:00-WOR—The Shadow
WNBC—Voices and Events
WJZ—Think Fast
WCBS—Measure of Freedom
WQXR—News; Melodies of Old Vienna
5:30-WOR—Detective Mysteries
WNBC—Harvest of Stars
WJZ—Greatest Story Ever Told
WCBS—Earn Your Vacation

EVENING

6:00-WNBC—The Catholic Hour
WCBS—My Favorite Husband
WNYC—Folksong Festival
WJZ—Drew Pearson, News
WOR—Roy Rogers Show
WQXR—News
6:05-WQXR—String Quartet
6:15-WJZ—Don Gardner
6:30-WNBC—Henry Morgan Show
WOR—Nick Carter
WCBS—Our Miss Brooks
WJZ—Girls' Corps
WNYC—Music
6:45-WNYC—Weather Report; News
7:00-WNBC—C. London, Play
WOR—Welcome Back Baseball
WCBS—Jack Benny
WJZ—Voices That Live
WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WQXR—News
7:05-WQXR—Collectors Items
7:30-WNBC—Phil Harris, Alice Faye show
WOR—The Saint
WJZ—Mr. Malone
WCBS—Amos and Andy Show
8:00-WNBC—Sam Spade, sketch
WOR—Mediation Board
WJZ—Stop the Music
WCBS—Bergen-Charlie McCarthy
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:30-WNBC—Theatre Guild
WOR—Melvin Elliott, News
WCBS—Red Skelton Show
WNYC—Piano Music
9:00-WOR—Pursuit of Peace
WJZ—Walter Winchell
WCBS—Meet Corliss Archer
WQXR—News
WNYC—Child Development Talk
9:05-WQXR—Sunday Evening Concert
9:15-WJZ—Louella Parsons Show
9:30-WNBC—Album of Familiar Music
WJZ—Chance of A Lifetime
WCBS—Horace Heidt Show
WOR—Shellah Graham
WNYC—Chicago Round Table
10:00-WNBC—Eddie Cantor Show
WJZ—Jimmie Fiddler
WOR—Damon Runyon Theatre
WCBS—Carnation Show
WQXR—News; Record Review
10:15-WJZ—Get More Out of Life
10:30-WNBC—Bob Crosby Show
WJZ—Jackie Robinson Show
WOR—Heartbeat in the News
WCBS—We Take Your Word
WQXR—Pop concert

## 'Folksongs at 8' Sunday Evening At Panel Room

Harry Belafonte, The Duke of Iron and Oscar Brand will be featured in the April 16 performance of Folksongs At 8, the second in a series of six Sunday evening concerts presented by Paul Werth and Joseph Davidson at the Panel Room, 13 Astor Place, New York.

Harry Belafonte, popular folk and jazz singer, will present a full hour of his repertoire which features his own composition, Recognition. The Duke of Iron will sing the Calypso numbers he is famous for, and Oscar Brand, with his inimitable sense of humor, will be master of ceremonies.

Folksongs At 8 begins promptly at 8. Tickets are 99 cents, including tax, and are available at Werth-Davidson Productions, 7 W. 44 St.; People's Artists, 106 E. 14 St., and the 44 St. Bookshop. Tickets will be available at the Panel Room on the evening of the performance.

## Children's Film Club Opens This Sunday at Hotel Peter Stuyvesant

The Children's Film Club will present a specially chosen program at the Hotel Peter Stuyvesant, 2 W. 86 St. opposite Central Park Playground this Sunday afternoon, April 16. The program includes Donald Duck, the Mechanic; Illustrated Folk Songs with youngsters joining in the singing; Spring on the Farm, an actual visit in Technicolor; an Aesop Fable, Hare and the Tortoise; Chaplin's Laughing Gas; and Puppet Dancing, songs and orchestra. There will be 3 showing from 11 to 12, 12:15 to 1:15; 1:30 to 2:30. Admission 75c including tax.

## 'Great Begining,' Revived at Irving Place

The Great Beginning, the Soviet film classic now being revived at the Irving Place Theatre, has as its subject the new woman in present day Russia. The personal and social problems of a plain, simple peasant woman who, despite the opposition and ridicule of her husband and other men folks, becomes a leader of masses and finally a member of the highest legislative body in the Soviet Union, form the texture of the original story.

Vera Maretskaya, one of the greatest stars of the Soviet screen and stage, plays the part of Alexandra Sokolova, the heroine of the picture. Her performance in The Great Beginning is considered the most outstanding of her career. Alexande Zarkhi and Joseph Heifitz, who directed the picture, will be remembered in this country for their direction of Baltic Deputy.

## Doxey Wilkerson Talk Illustrated with 3 Films in Bronx

Doxey Wilkerson will speak on "Negro and Jewish Unity" at the Tremont Section of the Communist Party, 807 Tremont Ave., Bronx, this Sunday, April 16, at 8:30. Three films will be shown: Story of Dr. Carver, What's Happening in Harlem and Brotherhood of Man.

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# Theodore Dreiser On 'Road to Life'

## Famous Soviet Film Now at Stanley Theatre

By Theodore Dreiser

The art of Russia, pleasingly enough for me, has always concerned itself with reality. Its so-called Golden Age, which embodied such writers as Turgenev, Tolstoi, Dostoievsky, Andreyev, was full of a deep sadness, yet based quite accurately, as I see it, on the mental and material condition of the Russia of that time.

Now we have a Russia seeking to establish a social quality which is less heartless and less bruising to the spirit of man during his short stay here. Because of this purpose, I note not so much a strain of cheerfulness as of courageous hope which warms and soothes even when it does not bring laughter to the lips.

The Russian mind is realistic. Even now, in its great labor of brushing away the ills of the past and substituting for them in so far as may be, at least, such mental and material comforts a sour modern world offers, nevertheless, it does it in a strong, realistic way. In its plays, novels, films, as I notice, no difficulty in minimized, no weakness of the Russian character, even where it affects and all but frustrates the great ideal which now holds Russia in tether, is glossed over. I have seen film after film out of Russia portraying the great efforts there on foot to raise man to a higher conception of his possibilities and so his destiny, but they are neither discolored nor yet bolstered with lies in any form. If you see the Russian struggling to better things in some way, you see him also wavering and, in times and places, betraying and failing. It is as though he says, "This is life—it happens."

IT SHOWS a nation with a spirit and courage and an innate idealism that is simply stupendous.

Returning to this particular film, The Road To Life, it can be offered as an almost perfect illustration of what I mean: In it you have the natural drama of the Russian temperament in acton, without the hoorah and the blah-ha that would accompany any such effort in any other part of the world. In the intensity of their search for a way out from the natural weakness of man, the adherents of this new social logic may at times overlook or ignore some of the weakness as well as the futilities of the human spirit, but there is no attempt to lie.

In picturing the awful misery that befell these children following the great war, you will see that there is no attempt to minimize the neglect which left hundreds of thousands of them to starve and become almost rats of evil, any more than there is to magnify the resolution of the problem that haunted the official mind, or its realistic determination to do something about it.

In short, the misery of these children and their social recovery is accurate; just as they are pictured here, so I myself saw them in Russia, and commiserated. More, the practical approach and solution is not only dramatic but not intentionally so. It is natural. What they do, how they do, what they say, is all part of an honest and genuine approach toward whatever is before them to do. In harmony with this picture and what it seeks to show, I agree that The Road To Life is through constructive and creative effort and nowhere else. And all the rest which may concern man from now till the day of his doom—idleness, vanity, self-entertainment, what you will, is neither here nore there—just that, a by-the-way, as it were. But the true road to life is through creative effort, energy and achievement, and that is the message of this picture.

## Previews of Tank's Play This Weekend

Herb Tank's new play, Longitude 49, is being presented by Freedom Theatre for three preview performances this weekend, prior to its premiere on April 21. Seats are available now for these performances, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, April 14 through April 16, and admission is $1 for new members and 75 cents for old members of the Czechoslovak Workers House, 347 East 72nd St. There will be audience criticism sessions after these performances. Call Rhinelander 4-9237 for theatre parties and reservations.

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# Dynamite Blasts Rock Home of Birmingham Negro Dentist

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Three dynamite charges, exploding at one-minute intervals, Thursday night damaged a nine-room brick residence-office being built for a Negro dentist and his school teacher wife, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Boykin. They planned to occupy the building May 1.

The explosions, which shook the hilly heavily-poulated area for a mile around, occurred only five blocks from the North Smithfield section where three houses of Negro families were dynamited last year. No one has been charged with the violence.

The building is located on the corner of a Jimcrow district.

# UN Chief

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Moscow, I probably will see him."

Lie said he was not contemplating discussing only the Chinese issue if he goes to Moscow.

"I am thinking about all the questions I raised in my speech at Washington March 31," he said.

In that speech Lie had proposed a special security council "peace session," attended by foreign ministers or chiefs of state, and urged that the UN embark upon a "20-year program for peace."

The U.S. has given no official support to Lie's proposals. It was merely announced that the State Department was studying them. But while he visited Washington for his March 21 speech, Lie consulted with high officials of the State Department and there was some speculation that his mission to Moscow—if he makes the trip—would include putting out feelers for a Soviet-American rapprochement.

Lie said he was still hoping the Chinese issue in UN can be solved before the next meeting of the General Assembly (in September).

# UPW Pickets Urge Pay Hikes

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Joint Committee of Teachers, who went to great pains to dispel "press reports of a controversy between the Mayor and me." Last week the Mayor denied having promised her last October to raise teacher salaries and Mrs. Healy said she had "proof" such a commitment had been made.

During a recess, Mrs. Healy spoke to the mayor in the corridor and asked to see him "before I speak." The phony adulation society the two formed during her testimony was the result. The mayor squirmed out of charges that he has concealed more than $8 million in state funds allocated last year by saying that he didn't know "whether it was to be used for contruction, for salaries or for both" and that if "we can make some of that money available we'll see what can be done about it."

Though he declared he wanted to "hear everybody on it" he continued to gag Mrs. Rose Russell of the Teachers Union, which he has labelled a "political party." He redbaited A. H. Dick, chairman of the Associated Teachers' Interest Committee, who called on teachers to cease all non-contractual, voluntary after-school services on Monday. "You probably read only one paper," O'Dwyer said. "I know what you mean," Dick replied, "you want me to say the Daily Worker."

The mayor banned all United Public Worker members from speaking in the name of their union. Some, however, managed to appear and made it clear that the UPW was not a "political party" but the largest spokesmen for city workers.

The American Labor Party announced it had urged Gov. Dewey to call a special session of the Legislature immediately for crisis appropriations.

# Lawyers

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tence. Isserman was sentenced to four months.

Legal observers pointed out the disbarment proceedings were on "thin ice." They recalled that the Circuit Court of Appeals, while upholding the jail sentences against the attorneys, rejected Medina's finding that the attorneys acted in a "conspiracy" to obstruct justice. The "conspiracy" charge, they pointed out, was the only legitimate grounds for disbarment presented in the original Medina contempt certificate.

William L. Patterson, executive secretary of the Civil Rights Congress, termed the disbarment move "part of a gigantic plot to intimidate and silence the democratic will of the American people."

**IMPERILS FAIR TRIALS**

"If lawyers who do no more than vigorously defend clients can be treatened with disbarment, all progressive Americans stand in danger," Patterson said. "If the right to chose free and independent counsel guaranteed by the fifth amendment is impaired, the basis of the right to a fair trial will have been destroyed.

"This pattern is being followed in cases which present the most fundamental issues to the American people—the rights of minority parties as in Foley Square, the rights of the Negro people as in the case of the Trenton Six, the rights of labor, as in the Bridges case."

Representing the bar associations in the disbarment proceedings is F. W. H. Adams, attorney of 49 Wall Street.

He made his request for the show cause in Chief Judge John Clark Knox's court. Judge Knox, who came under defense attorney's fire on charges of engineering a hand-picked jury system during the trial of the Communist leaders, passed the case to Judge Goddard.

**PREPARING 11'S APPEAL**

Sacher and Isserman are now engaged in the work of preparing the appeal of the Communist leaders. The brief in the appeal must be in the hands of Circuit Court judges by May 1. The case is scheduled to be argued during the week of June 12.

To demand that the lawyers appear at this time in disbarment proceedings, while they are engaged in preparing the larger appeal in the case of the 11 was seen by spokesmen for the lawyers "doing great injustice" to the Foley Square Appeal.

# Prepare New 'Racial' Law in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (ALN).—The South African government is preparing a new racial law calling for resettlement of large numbers of Africans and confiscation of their land.

By establishing newly located ghettos, a government spokesman said, "mixing of lower races with superior ones will be prevented."

The land-grabbing provision of the bill is a penalty to be invoked against those who refuse to obey the order to move to the reserved areas. In addition to Africans, the measure applies to Indians and "half-castes."




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# McCarthy Bloc Pushes Mundt Bill

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those senators most closely associated with Sen. Joe McCarthy (R-Wis) who is charging State Department officers and employees with "disloyalty."

Having failed to produce any evidence to substantiate his charges, McCarthy has announced he would "stand or fall" on his case against Prof. Owen Lattimore, Far Eastern expert, who incidentally is not connected with the State Department. After asserting that Lattimore is "the top Russian espionage agent" McCarthy finds himself desperate for "proof."

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IN HIS EXTREMITY McCarthy has followed the example of the Justice Department. He has turned to the professional stool pigeon, Louis F. Budenz, who has obediently manufactured "evidence" against Communists and progressives whenever this article was needed by the Department.

At McCarthy's demand, Chairman Millard Tydings (D-Md) of the Senate investigating committee has subpoenaed Budenz to appear at a public hearing Monday. McCarthy insists that Budenz testimony will convict Lattimore of his charges.

Most observers here are skeptical. They doubt that Budenz even at his most imaginative, can convincingly link Prof. Lattimore with espionage. If Budenz fails, then Sen. McCarthy will, as Lattimore predicted, "fall flat on his face."

In such a dilemma, a hue and cry from the McCarthy bloc for quick Senate action on the Mundt bill is not only possible but probable.

The National Committee to Defeat the Mundt bill, while encouraged by signs of increasing opposition to the measure, is also warning of the increased danger. Representative delegations are coming to Wasington from a number of cities April 18 and 19 to lobby congressmen for defeat of this dangerous bill.

# O'DWYER FLEES THE TRUTH

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tatives, running off the names and omitting the Communist Party.

Mrs. Lillian Gates, legislative secretary of the New York Communist Party—who was later to jolt the Board in a magnificant speech—rose to cite the omission. O'Dwyer said: "I thought the Teachers Union and United Public Workers would represent the Communists."

**REBUFFS REDBAITING**

He had declared — "because Philip Murray said so"—that the two largest city employe organizations were "political parties" and could not be heard during the regular budget period set aside for trade unions. Mrs. Gates rejected the mayor's redbaiting "humor." O'Dwyer quickly called on the Liberal Party to speak first.

Having made the most of his byplay with Walter Kirschenbaum, the Bronx executive director of the Liberal Party, who shrieked hysterically that "I'm more anti-Communist than you" after O'Dwyer said he sounded "like a Communist," the mayor then rushed off. And well he might, for Mrs. Rose Russell, legislative representative of the Teachers Union, in a hard-hitting, emotion-packed and fact-loaded address, turned the Board of Estimate into a mass of jittery politicians.

"I am here not as a representative of any political party," she began. The tension was terrific. "I have appeared before the Board for many years, before the Planning Commission, before the Board of Education, and you know whom I represent. We have prepared an exhaustive analysis of the budget. But I will not speak on the budget. I represent the Teachers Union as a legitimate teachers organization and there is nothing political about me, my organization, our program, our presentation."

Her voice rose and she pointed a finger at the Board—"and I demand the right to speak as a spokesman for more than 5,000 of the best, the most devoted, the most conscientious, the most democratic and loyal teachers in America, the Teachers Union."

Borough President Robert Wagner Jr. of Manhattan, seemed to nod his head mechanically. Acting board chairman Vincent R. Impellittri licked his dry lips.

**DENOUNCES DESPOTISM**

"I denounce as despotic and despicable your attempt to put a brand, a label upon this organization like the Nazis branded the Jews.

"Mayor O'Dwyer, in doing this, is jumping the gun on the Mundt-Nixon Bill which does exactly that. He is jumping the gun on the Dewey-Feinberg Law. He is jumping the gun on Sen. McCarthy."

Then, pointing to Deputy William Mayor Reid, who seemed to shrivel, Mrs. Russell talked of how he went to Albany and joined the Dewey-Moore Commission to doublecross state aid for schools.

"I was in Albany. I saw. I know," she said. "How do you expect the teachers and parents to go up there and fight when their own city sabotages money for schools; when their own Deputy Mayor signs a report along with Republicans that there is no money for schools, for salary increases. And the Mayor talks about politics; he dares to talk how he fought the Legislature. What disgusting hypocrisy!"

Mrs. Russell, her face flushed with anger, waved a New York Times clipping dated April 19, 1948 which reported Mayor O'Dwyer's atack on the Mundt Bill two years ago. He warned then that the bill "empowers a government official to interpret and censor a person's opinion. . . ."

"Maybe McCarthy will now go after O'Dwyer because he once had a liberal thought," she said, emphasizing the word "once."

"The mayor talks about Philip Murray labelling us a political party. Who's Philip Murray! Since when is Philip Murray the architect of O'Dwyer's policy? I remember talking with the mayor along with CIO leaders; he wasn't so quickto label us then. He wasn't so quick to follow up his promise to get rid of George A. Timone. The Teachers Union is against bigotry, we're against anti-Semitism, we're against fascism in our schools, we're against jimcrow and police terror, we're against loyalty oaths and fascist purges. What's political about that?"

**FLAYS TERRORIZATION**

Her voice nearly broke as she went on: "We won't wear a yellow badge. We won't wear a Nazi branded ticket. We won't be terrorized and stigmatized and slandered. No, we won't! We have an analysis of the budget. We demand to speak on the budget as a Teachers Union, as the largest representative of loyal city teachers, as a free, independent and democratic union — and neither O'Dwyer, nor you, nor Timone, nor the police, nor McCarthy, nor anybody else will keep us branded, silent or afraid."

She walked back to her seat. Not a sound could be heard.

Then Impellitteri, in a weak voice, called Mrs. Gates. As she delivered a double-barrelled attack one board member from Queens wiped his forehead, though the room was cool.

**PROUD OF CP**

Flaying the "aspersions and slanders" of the Social-Democratic Liberal, Mrs. Gates said she was "proud to belong to the Communist Party and even prouder to represent it here." Dressed smartly in a beige suit, she began by giving some "facts on my own life, though I didn't want to speak of it" and told of her upbringing as a Catholic in Texas and how she soon associated the Ku Klux terror against her faith with the "horrible Jimcrow conditions and lynchings of the Negro people in the South."

"Americans become Communists because there are conditions that need correction, because they learn that capitalism offers nothing but poverty for millions, war and humiliation and debasement of the human being," she said. She told of having once worked for the Democratic Party in Texas. "I had a future in the Democratic Party but I joined the Communist Party because it practiced what it preached.

"If you gentlemen don't learn that efforts to outlaw the Communist Party mean death to millions then you haven't learned the lessons of Hitler Germany," she warned.

Her eyes moistened as she spoke of her husband John Gates, editor of the Daily Worker and one of the 11 Communist leaders framed at Foley Square. "I am proud of my husband, proud of my leaders. They face jail and their wives face the emptiness of home and their comradeship because of edicts like yours, because of fascist bans and gags and your fear to hear the truth.

"But the people don't want Mundt-Nixon mentalities here or in Washington, and they will not tolerate your decrees against the Teachers Union, the United Public Workers and other democratic spokesmen of the workers. If you want to know what makes a Communist—it is this devotion to liberty, to the deepest love of country and its democratic traditions."

She called the budget a "crisis budget" which "requires crisis action." She demolished the mayor's figures as a "hoax and a lie" and point by point exposed the budget as a "monument to your betrayal."

Then she said something which everybody understood but no one talks about.

**"What is this strange hold that Governor Dewey holds over Mayor O'Dwyer?**

"He has bought political immunity at the expense of the children of this city," she said with dramatic calm. "And some day soon the people will crack down on this immunity, expose it and bring to an end the annual doublecross and betrayal of City Hall and Albany of their schools, their hospitals, their homes, their welfare. Gentlemen, you will not get away with it."

When she had finished, reportmembers fidgeted, smoked nervously. But O'Dwyer wasn't there—he had run out.

# PITY POOR EISENHOWER, HE 'WORKS' 6 DAYS A WEEK

Did you know that Gen. Dwight "Let 'Em Eat Hotdogs" Eisenhower has a "man-breaking job" as president of Columbia University? Neither did we. We thought that tired feeling came from running for a Presidential nomination.

But it's "man-breaking," alright. A United Press reporter says so. For instance, Eisenhower sits for "a six-day week" in his office at Columbia's Low Memorial Library. He even is "called upon constantly to display himself at university functions." And, the UP man adds, breathlessly, "On top of this, he must fulfill his obligations as a public figure. Consequently, he eats more often in public than he does at home."

There are compensations, though. The "broken man" keeps cool in the "air-conditioned home on Morningside Drive" which the Eisenhowers inherited from Nicholas Murray Butler, late Columbia president, and which was "refurbished . . . at a reported cost of $50,000."

The "man-breaking job" also permits Eisenhower to play golf, "approximately once a week." A "rabid football fan," he appears at "all Columbia home games."

This summer, he'll "steal some time for fishing in Wyoming, or just loafing in Denver, home of his wife's family."

But, and ain't it a shame, the man-breaking job of running Columbia University gives Eisenhower time for almost anything, but not for the students.

**The fact is, however, that Eisenhower does not have the time for frequent contact with the Columbia students. The Columbia newspaper, Spectator, recently was refused permission to interview him, to the irritation of its staff.**




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# Plastiras Set To Be Premier

ATHENS, Greece. — Premier Sophocles Venizelos bowed to the demands of U.S. Ambassador Henry Grady on Friday, resigned his post and asked Nicholas Plastiras to form a government. The U.S. government had ordered Marshall Plan funds cut off until a government composed of parties which Grady had designated was established.

Plastiras' National Progressive Party, had received many left-wing votes as a result of promises to amnesty political prisoners and legalize all parties including the Communists. Under American pressure, Plastiras reneged on those promises and will now form a government pledged to continue the anti-Communist fight and follow the policies outlined by the U.S. embassy.

Excluded from the government was the Democratic Front headed by John Sophonoupolus, which had received the highest number of votes in Athens, Piraeus and other industrial centers.

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# Pick Dodgers and Indians

## Worker Sees Braves, Bosox Runner-Ups

By Lester Rodney

Despite a rash of aching muscles, creaking arms and sore knees, the 1950 baseball season definitely will start on Tuesday and barring rain, 16 big league clubs will take the field to begin the long 154-game parade to glory, disappointment and $$$. The early line favors a repeat performance by the Brooklyn Dodgers in the National League, and the upending of the world champion Yankees by the twice-frustrated, power laden Boston Red Sox in the American. We go along with halt that ticket.

There are lots of intriguing questions in the races. In the American League, the outstanding questions are:

Can the Yanks get another big performance from the remarkable 35-year-old Joe DiMaggio, still the game's greatest all round performer when sound? Even if Joe stays in one piece, won't he be fading a little more rapidly past his peak? How about 34-year-old Tommy Henrich, who survived a rough season but is starting this one with an ailing knee? Who's on first? Rizzuto had his greatest year but he's a year older at 32 . . . can the upcoming young men stocking a strong bench fill the gap quickly enough this year and with the powerful pitching pull the Stadiumites through again?

**Will the power laden Red Sox, nipped on the final day for two seasons in a row because of bad starts, turn on the heat from the start aided by a schedule which has them at home 22 of their first 30 games, and rocket out of sight to win in a romp?**

Can the exciting rookie slugger Luke Easter, plus a pitching revival by Feller and Bearden, put the still very dangerous Cleveland Indians back on top?

Can Red Rolfe, as shrewd and resourceful a young manager to hit the big time in years, pull a miracle with his Detroit Tigers based on a tremendous outfield, deep and good pitching, and spirit, despite big question marks in several positions?

IN THE NATIONAL, the midwinter notio was Brooklyn bigger and better than ever, possibly to romp as the Cards went into a long expected fading act.

Now there's new excitement in Boston as the Braves, with a refurbished outfield boasting the slugging powers of Sid Gordon and Willard Marshall and the potential talents of rookie Sam Jethroe, plus a pitching comeback by Johnny Sain, are looking up. And the Cards, with Musial in his prime, Slaughter showing no signs of distintegration, and strong basic pitching, have plenty of backing.

Both leagues, as we see it, have three serious pennant contenders and two outside possibilities. I rate the Dodgers, Braves and Cards, Yanks, Bosox and Indians in the first category, the Giants, Phils, Tigers and A's in the second, and out of the flag picture completely the Pirates, Reds, Cubs, Chisox, Browns and Senators.

But enough of this shilly shallying. Let's pick 'em in order with a few words on each team. First the American League.



A BIG YEAR LEFT?
Joe DiMaggio

### Indians

Here are the reasons I see a return of Cleveland to the top. First, they have added long range power in the booming bat of Luke Easter, who through the spring curcuit began to show that his prodigious slugging on the Coast last year was not a flash in the pan. A fast big man who has surprised as a rightfielder, this 6-4, well muscled Negro star is the type who can turn things upside down if he gets the range and holds it.

The Indians dropped from first to third last season. One of the big reasons was the drop in Lou Boudreau's batting mark from .355 to .284, and though he was coming fast at season's end, it was too late. Lou himself says he came to camp overweight and out of shape after an unavoidable winter on the banquet circuit, but he's ready and sharp this time.

Potent reserve strength has come along to change the picture. Behind the slick Mickey Vernon at first is Herb Conyers, who rapped .355 for the Texas League title and r.b.i.'d 134 runs. Putting a new bark in the batting order and resting the classy receiving Jim Hegan is Jim Murray, who batted in 94 in the Texas and has looked even better than that.

There's a lot of talk about the Detroit and Boston outfields, but what's wrong with Cleveland's dazzling all star trio? Dale Mitchell, one of the constantly great post war stars, was the only A.L. player to get 200 hits last year, led in triples with 23 and hit .317. Larry Doby, supposedly having an "off year", batted a productive .280 and hit 24 homers, third highest in the league.

The youngster who came right out of the Negro league into the big time figures to improve some in his third year. Then there's Easter and an improved Allie Clark tigl.ting to get into things.

Al Rosen could make a big difference at third and Bob Kennedy can always do a better than competent job there. Rapidly developing filler in for Joe Gordon is little touted Beto Avila, a sleeper who could emerge suddenly with a bang.

It should be recalled that the Indian pitching staff last year had the lowest earned run percentage in the majors, this despite lame duck performances by Feller and Bearden, both of whom look much more like their old selves this spring. Bellcow of course is the strong armed steady 20 game winner, Bob Lemon, and young Mike Garcia is ready and willing as a strong second ace. Early Wynn and Sam Zoldak are two nominees for surprise performances here, and an acquisition of importance is Jesse Flores, once a consistent winner with the A's, who came back with 21 and 10 for San Diego last year.

That's it. I like the ballclub, think the outfield is tops offensively the pitching great, and Easter potent enough to tip the balance.

### Red Sox

You don't have to strain to make out a case for the Boston Red Sox to finish at least second. The difficulty is always in figuring how come they don't do it . . . easy.

The Sox last year had four hitters who hit over .300, three who who drove more than 100 runs across, including the top two of either league, the two winningest pitchers in the league in Parnell and Kinder, and the devastation of the game's greatest and most prolific hitter, Ted Williams.

They have the same team back, except that rightfielder Al Zarilla, an important acquisition, is there all season. He knocked over 80 runs in part time duty. Mickey McDermott, the "next Grove," should presumably make the pitching better.

So why don't I pick 'em, especially since they're apt to get a much faster start due to the schedule break? On intangibles, the fact that Stephens, Doerr and Dom are a year older, not to mention Tebbetts, that something somehow always seemed lacking when the Sox came up to the big moment, that Kinder won't repeat his surprise big year and McDermott will be less than another Grove.

But, who knows?

### Yanks

Briefly on the Yanks. We thought they would fade to third last year and they picked up all the marbles. Can't see DiMaggio and Henrich, the two big guns, going all out long enough this year. The team is in an inbetween stage, with subtly fading stars, and up and coming replacements of the Bauer, Martin type not yet ready to go it alone. This despite pitching which could be as good as any in front line strength, and Joe Page still around.

Of course, it's always dangerous to count out the likes of Joe DiMaggio, at any age.

### Tigers

I think the Detroit outfield of Wertz, Groth and Evers is great and will be even better. The pitching, headed up by the formidable young Houtteman and backed by Trucks, Hutchinson, Newhouser, Gray and Rogovin, can't be bad. But I don't see the club as a real flag threat because I think Priddy is a little overrated and past his peak at second, Kryhoski is not yet a class player, and Lipon not a pennant winning shortstop. Kell is swell, and young Ginsberg could be the league's coming catcher. But too many ifs.

### White Sox

Like the Chisox to come up a way, with Cus Zernial back in form and one of the authentic righthand power sockers, an exceptionally talented young shortstop rookie in Al Carresquel, bought cheaply from the Brooklyn chain at 30 Gs, more infield punch from Majeski at the price of a little speed, and a flock of lefthanded pitchers who will make some teams sorry. Bill Wight, Bob Kusava and Billy Pierce really have it and are coming fast. The second named could move along soon into the premier southpaw spot in the league. Randy Gumpert is now an established righthander.

Big hole is at first. If the Sox can pry Mickey Vernon from Cleveland without giving up too much they'd even be a good outside bet for the first division. So it seems from here. Watch that Carresquel. They tell me he has it.

### A's

I'll get a big fight from Philly on this, but can't see the A's for beans. True, they got Dillinger, but they had plenty of good scatter hitters. They simply don't have the big booming punch and the pitching can't carry the attack. Take the classy infield combine. Joost tapered off to .263 and is getting along. Suder is a .267 rapper. Fain, never what he was touted, was .263. And the outfield hasn't the big guns to carry this crew.

### Browns

The Browns have a rugged path ahead but should beat out the Nats in the fight for the cellar, despite the handicap of an all year psychologist on the bench. Sievers and Kokos in the outfield are genuine articles, Garver and Fannin are pitchers, Moss an underrated young catcher and Billy De Mars a much better shortstop than the Browns have had since Stephens left.

If Al Widmar, 22-game winner at Baltimore, is given the ridiculously low minimum salary he wants, the staff will shape up a little better. But the De Witts seem to prefer to lose him and invoke the baseball blacklist to keep him out. If they do, I hope Widmar wins his lawsuit and makes the Browns and Happy Chandler pay througl. the nose.

**Say, looks like we'll have to hold the National League till next week, with full detailed rundowns on each of the eight teams, whose order we have already selected. Nothing that happens between Tuesday and next weekend can make what we write for next week's papers TOO silly.**

Meanwhile, if you think we're way off on any of the teams, why just say so and you'll find it in print. We like argumentr as much as the next guys.

And have you sent along your contribution to the fund drive of our fighting paper to keep it going for peace? If you haven't, and maybe if you agree with my pennant choices (ahem), why not send it credit of this writer and it will be happily acknowledged.

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## WORKER Sports

## Another Big Bowling Meet vs ABC Jimcrow

Simultaneous with the news from Columbus that the courts had once again protected the disgraceful Jimcrow of the American Bowling Tourney, another demonstration against the ABC was launched in New York. Next Wednesday, April 19th, a second interracial exhibition will be held at the Fitzsimmons Lanes near Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, sponsored by the Greater New York Division of the National Committee for Fair Play in Bowling. Mr. William H. Oliver of Detroit, executive secretary, will come to town for this one.

Buddy Bough, ace Negro bowler from the Harlem Bowling Association with a present league average of 178, will be matched with an outstanding white bowler as a feature attraction. In team exhibition: Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) and United Women's Bowling Ass'n Girls vs. Oriental Girls; Japanese vs. Indonesians; Union Voice of Local 65 vs. CYO men, United Bowling Ass'n vs. Chinese Men.

## How long Can THIS Keep Up?

They seeded the clouds over the ballparks Friday and it came up snow. This cancelled Brooklyn's look at the Dodgers and Yanks, who moved to Yankee Stadium for the weekend blowing on their fingers. The Giants and Indians hope to play at Municipal Stadium but at last reports there were five inches of snow in Cleveland.

Anyhow, the season opens Tuesday with the Braves at the Polo Grounds, the Dodgers at Philly and the Yanks at Boston. Don't miss the Daily Worker's exciting coverage, with dugout chatter and column comment on the big New York openings.

# The Worker Magazine

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# Television—Bane or Boon?

***The prospect of 38 million American families spending two, three, four hours daily in front of a television set represents a top-flight social problem. What about the health and education of the children? What about the thought-control possibilities of a TV-film-radio cultural collossus controlled by big business?***

**By ALLAN GRAHAM and CARL HIRSCH**

TELEVISION is being boosted as the "unifier of the American hearth and home." But many an American family is being cleft asunder over the issue of "TV or not TV." Often it's the kids vs. the grownups. More often, it's wife vs. husband. And the debate rages across the coaxial cable throughout American life. Educators vs. entertainers, progressives vs. reactionaries. And what's more, progressives vs. progressives. And this is not to speak of those attacking for less than principled motives, such as the movie and radio industries.

Among laymen, ideas on TV are strong if not unified. Some opinions among parents, workers, housewives run like this:

"It's no worse for kids than movies and comic books."

"It would be fine if the program were any good."

"It improves family life."

"It keeps people from going to union meetings or getting out and doing things."

"It gives the women a chance to relax from the nerve-racking job of watching the kids."

"It's cheap entertainment for the working class family."

"It's a drug."

### *T-V Poses A Social Problem*

The writers know of one more-or-less typical family for which TV solves this kind of a problem. The husband is a night shift worker. The wife is sickly and high-strung. There are three children, active and vigorous boys.

Last year, the wife had a nervous breakdown at the end of a summer of failure to cope with the problems of the children in a crowded city apartment. This year, she faces the summer with confidence—and TV.

Stacked against this case history are a mountain of facts that no Communist or progressive can afford to ignore.

Television's grip on the minds and lives of the American people is secure and becoming more so. There are three and a half million sets in operation. And millions of workers are in various stages of shopping for TV, buying at the rate of $700 million worth of sets a year.

The potential market is considered to be 38 million American families, and the prospect of this chunk of the American population spending two, three, four hours in front of a television set represents a top-flight social problem.

A survey made recently in Roselle, N. J., illustrates a small piece of the problem. Scholastic grades of Roselle High School students who began to watch TV programs regularly dropped over 15 percent. The effect on the younger children was shown to be greater than on the older ones.

What the payoff will be in terms of the health for children who stare popeyed for hours at a TV screen instead of playing outdoors has not been reckoned yet.

Nor has there been any estimate of the psychological effects on children who become darkroom dwellers during the hours which they should be spending in active and vigorous play, in association with children their own age instead of Arthur Godfrey, Howdy Doody and Milton Berle.

### *Main Concern For Progressives*

But for progressives, the main concern must be the political impact of capitalist-controlled TV on the minds of masses in a nation menaced by fascism and war.

Here is a means of entertaining and informing which has the power to mold men's opinions and control men's actions far beyond the capacity of other media. Radio—which was so essential to Roosevelt (and to Hitler)—is to television what the blockbuster is to H-bomb.

The power and the menace of the TV was indicated in a recent article in the New York Times Magazine by Samuel Goldwyn, the movie producer. Goldwyn conceded that the movies could not win

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# The Huks are battling against a common foe



*Thatched huts in a village in the interior. The Philippine villages were Huk strongholds during the war, remain so today.*

***The People's Liberation Army of the Philippines, born in the war against fascism, today stands steadfast against American imperialism—foe of Filipino and American people alike. Here's the story behind the recent Huk advances.***

**By CARLOS MENDEZ**

THE People's Liberation Army of the Philippines, the army of the former Hukbalahap forces, is challenging Wall Street imperialism in one of its "safest preserves." In recent weeks, large forces of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) have attacked and occupied a number of towns within a narrow radius of the capital of Manila. Pitched battles have taken place with the police and Philippine army. And President Elpidio Quirino, whose regime has resisted distribution of the landed estates among the poor peasants and subordinated the Philippine economy and foreign policy to U. S. control, has placed the great island of Luzon under military administration.

The history of the PLA (during World War II called the Hukbalahap, or People's Anti-Japanese Army) dates back to the days after Dec. 7, 1941, when the Filipino people found that American resistance had crumbled in the face of Japan's attack. While the remnants of American forces remained bottled up in Bataan and Corregidor, peasants and workers swiftly scoured the battlefields for cast-off arms and formed themselves into guerilla units. It was not long before the outstanding role of the Communist-led Hukbalahap as the core of national resistance was recognized by both the U. S. and Japanese forces. The source of its strength was clearly understood. In its Principles of Organization, it declared:

"A revolutionary army is the armed force of the people. . . . An army that loses the people is like a fish that loses water. . . . A revolutionary army that has the support of the people will exist, and surely be victorious. . . ." One of its slogans was: "Take the arms of the enemy to arm ourselves!"

This they did with such success that Lt. Col. Thorpe (who had been designated by MacArthur as head of all guerilla forces) wrote them as early as June 1942: "I desire to congratulate you on your past accomplishments and on your present enemy effort." By January, 1944, Vice Minister Francisco of the puppet republic, in calling for the help of the Japanese army, warned that "the most serious concern of the (Filipino) constabulary is the Hukbalahap."

### Growth of Popular Unrest

Even such publications as the Christian Science Monitor reported that "by conservative estimate, the Huks accounted for 20,000 Japanese and puppets killed in more than 1,100 encounters with the enemy." In addition, the Huks rescued Allied aviators and prevented large amounts of rice from falling to the Japanese. By the end of the war the Huks, with a membership of some 100,000 people, aside from many thousands of supporters, had set up fully functioning local government in the areas they controlled.

American imperialism at an early date recognized the revolutionary potentialities of the Huks. Even before the war against Japan was over, only about one month after the liberation of Manila in March, 1945, MacArthur directed the release of the collaborator Manuel Roxas and the arrest of the Huk leaders, Luis Taruc and Casto Alejandrino. Only after a groundswell of protest culminated in a demonstration of 60,000 peasants were they released.

Following the stage-managed election of Roxas to the presidency in 1945, American imperialism consolidated its economic and military hold with the passage of the Bell Trade Act and the Military Assistance Agreement granting 22 bases on a 99-year rent-free lease. As for the poverty-stricken war-ruined feudal peasantry, they were to be kept in bondage as before.

Simultaneously Roxas unloosed one "all-out extermination" campaign after another against the Hukbalahap. The rat-tat-tat of machine guns, the screech of mortar, artillery and tank shells and the blast of bombs from planes—all made in America and supervised by American officers—became regular occurrences in central Luzon. The efforts of Roxas and his successor Quirino failed, and perhaps their most significant success to date has been the "capture" of a jacket reputedly to have belonged to Taruc on whose head a price of $25,000 has been set!

The last elections, which even the New York Times correspondent Wilkins conceded President Quirino stole, further disillusioned the Filipino people in their hope of having honest, representative government. Wide sections of the people turned to support of the PLA. Luis Taruc declared in a message on Nov. 9 to his "Fellow-Countrymen: . . . the people whose patience has already reached breaking point (are) looking only for decisive and determined leadership. . . ."

The Philippine Communist Party in a statement on Nov. 10 called "on the people to seriously consider the path taken by the Chinese people." The reformist Nehru path of compromise and surrender to imperialism is rejected.

### Hand of Friendship For American Workers

The Filipino people do not confuse American imperialism and its puppets with the American people. In a recent letter to American friends, Taruc wrote:

"We watch in anxiety the case of the 12, the Trenton 6 and Robeson. We notice that reaction in the U. S. is now resorting to direct brutal actions.

"Our faith and love for the real Americans never wane. We understand the natural course and development of the social forces in the home front of U. S. imperialism, the efficient and outwardly powerful hold of the vested few, the seemingly weak but potentially powerful progressive forces—and the inevitable advance of both as a part of world events.

"Real prosperity, peace and freedom for all peoples of the world is coming—and faster now. And however humble is our contribution to sustain it, we are proud and happy to give everything in us, knowing and feeling your warm and firm fraternal hand-clasp."

And we in turn extend the hand of friendship and support to our embattled Filipino brothers and sisters! Every blow they deal to Wall Street imperialism is a blow in behalf of U. S. trade unionists, of the Negro people, of the democratic liberties of the American people.



HUK GUERILLAS during the war and occupation by Japan. They formed the backbone of the fighting forces on the island—the only fighting force during the Japanese occupation, the force which the people trusted during the liberation.

# This is Paris



***Is the sordid tourist-trap really Paris? Michael Gold takes you on a tour of the city of the artist, the intellectual, the worker, Paris of the Commune, a cradle of culture.***

**By MIKE GOLD**

THERE are millions of Americans who believe that Paris is nothing but a great bawdy house. The average American tourist sees only the Follies Bergere, his hotel and the American Express Company offices. He visits night clubs, including those of the existentialist merchants, buys his tawdry souvenirs, sits at a sidewalk cafe, buys himself some tawdry "love."

Is this sordid tourist-trap really Paris? Is it the Paris of the universities, art galleries and barricades, Paris where every cobblestone is permiated with history? The Paris whose people have taught mankind the ideas of liberty, equality and fraternity and which in every generation rose in revolt to renew the ancient fight for freedom.

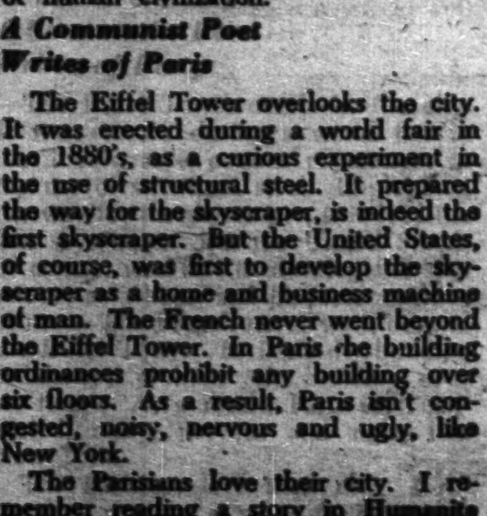
There is another Paris, known to the Communist tourist—it is the Workers' Paris. Paris of the artist, intellectual and great social dynamics. Let me be your guide for a quick tour around this wonderful Paris.

One of the first things a foreigner will note is that its citizens love Paris, as our own New York has never been loved. For a century, under many different regimes, through al the wars, holocausts and revolutions, the Parisians have gone on beautifying their city. There are, of course, slums and rathole tenements dating back to the time of Columbus. But if you walk in any direction for five minutes you will find beauty. There are parks everywhere, big and small, some of them lovely as enchanted gardens. There are the famous boulevards, lined with old trees, there are vistas like the ones along the river or the view along the Tuileries. Promenades, palaces and parks — the sweet, friendly atmosphere of Paris! The collective beauty of Paris that makes one realize how beautiful are the possibilities of human civilization.

### *A Communist Poet Writes of Paris*

The Eiffel Tower overlooks the city. It was erected during a world fair in the 1880's, as a curious experiment in the use of structural steel. It prepared the way for the skyscraper, is indeed the first skyscraper. But the United States, of course, was first to develop the skyscraper as a home and business machine of man. The French never went beyond the Eiffel Tower. In Paris the building ordinances prohibit any building over six floors. As a result, Paris isn't congested, noisy, nervous and ugly, like New York.

The Parisians love their city. I remember reading a story in Humanite about the trees of Paris. There are several million trees along her streets and boulevards. The Communist reporter described them and their care. He wrote about his city with great love. Let me translate roughly a poem of love for Paris written by another Communist, the famous Aragon. My son had to memorize this poem as a homework task at his school. Aragon, the Communist, being in the school readers:



***PARIS***

*Where is it good to be even in the storms*
*Where is the heart clear at midnight*
*The air like alcohol and one finds courage in misfortune*
*And hope shines through the broken windowpanes*
*And songs rise from every ruined wall.*

*Never extinguished always reviving its embers*
*Eternal firebrand of the Nation, Paris*
*From Point du Jour quai to the Pere la Chaise Cemetery*
*The lovely rosebush flowers again in August*
*And everywhere the people marvel at the blood of Paris.*

*Nothing has a nobler music than my Paris in battle*
*Nothing is so pure as her insurgent brow*
*Nothing is stronger neither fire nor sword*
*Than Paris defying the circle of her dangers o*
*Nothing, nothing has more beauty than my Paris.*

*Never did my heart beat more strongly*
*And nothing ever made me so weep and so laugh*
*As when I heard the victorious cry of my people*

*Nothing is grander than tearing off one's shroud*
*Paris, Paris by herself liberated.*

Aragon mentions Pere La Chaise in his poem, as a landmark of Paris. It is probably the most remarkable cemetery in the world. An immense city of stone tombs, one finds buried there all the greatest names of France—Diderot, Balzac, Pasteur, Daumier, Michelet, Proudhon, and so many thousands of others. It is the French Valhalla.

From every land workers come on pilgrimage every year to Pere La Chaise. They stand in reverent silence before the Wall of the Federes, where General Gallifet and the enraged property owners of 1871 murdered thousands of working-class men, women and children, rounded up on the streets after the fall of the Commune.



**PARIS OF THE WORKERS: A mass meeting of Renault auto workers demanding wage increases.**



### *By the Tomb of Heloise and Abelard*

The victims were killed by firing squads of the 1871 fascists. Their bodies were shovelled into a great common grave. But like our own Joe Hill, they never died. Each year, despite all repressions and bans, the Paris workers come to lay wreaths on the graves of the Commune. And to swear anew their devotion to the cause of the earth's oppressed.

The Communist Party has taken a

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**PARIS OF THE COMMUNE: Communards on a barricade during the 70 days of the Commune in 1870.**

# Ted Tinsley Says...

## What Did Eisenhower Say?

"Learned persons unable to get jobs may turn on society," said Arch Farch to his wife.

"Did that come out of you?" asked Edna.

"Not exactly. It came out of a Times headline."

Edna slipped a tumbler into Arch's torn sock and picked up the darning needle. "Keep 'em dumb and steal their shoes," she said. "That's the best thing for society."

"Not exactly that," said Arch. "You see, the fellow who said those things is the head of the Board of Regents. A guy named Wallin. He was speaking at a dinner for Eisenhower."

"Beer and hot dogs?"

"Shhh! Let me tell you what Wallin said. He said a lot of people have the crazy idea that the government should give a higher edueation to people who want it. But he said this is silly. It's going to produce 'surplus graduates.'"

Edna considered patching the sock instead of darning it. "Once," she said, "I learned that a little education is a dangerous thing. Now I learn that a lot of education is also a dangerous thing. Maybe we've produced a surplus of college presidents. What did Gen. Eisenhower say to all this?"

Arch looked at the news clipping. "It doesn't say." He thumbed through a little magazine called Trends. "Here's another article, Edna. This one says the number of high school students who hope to enter the professions is quite disproportionate to the number who will be able to do so. It says students should figure on getting unskilled jobs."

"Ah," sighed Edna, "the American dream!"

"Facts are facts, Edna. Now you take Larry A. Costigan."

"Maybe I will," said Edna. "Who is he?"

"He's the Personnel Director of a west coast steel plant. He says we shouldn't encourage high school students to enter the professions because there's room for only 15 percent of them."

"We've got too many doctors?" asked Edna.

"That's not the point. We's got enough doctors. It's just that we've got too many patients."

"Then we'll have to convince high school students not to be doctors or patients."

"That would help," agreed Arch.

Edna finished the sock and took up another one. "Public education is eating at the roots of our democracy, Arch."

"Why?"

"Well, we have to guaranttee that every American student has an equal opportunity to be unskilled."

Arch scratched his head. "I don't quite get you, Edna."

"It's simple. We just have to throw some of the students out of the colleges. After all, in the Soviet Union they have more college students every year. That means we have to have less. That's our Foreign Policy."

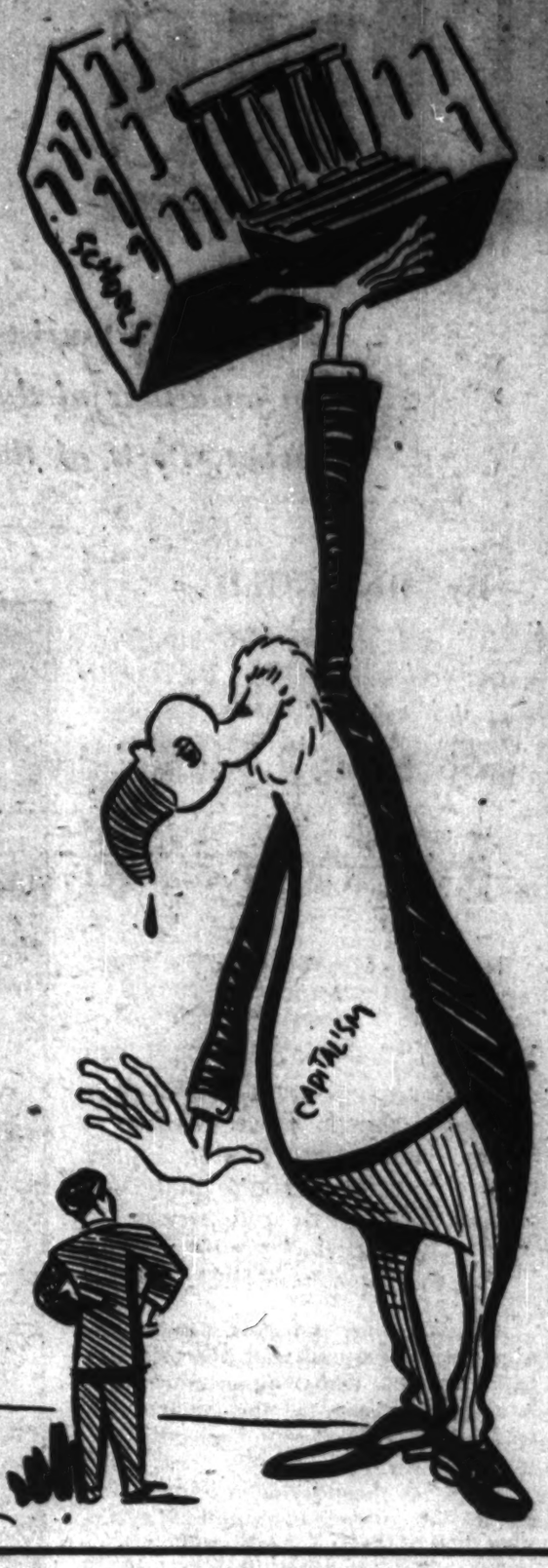
Arch stomped off to the bedroom without answering. His feelings were hurt.

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"Arch," called Edna, unperturbed, "you sure Eisenhower didn't say anything? He just sat there and took it?"

"Communist," snarled Arch from the next room.






# $11,183,847 WHAT'S THAT TO YOU?

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The author, Howard Selsam, addressing a class at the Jefferson School.

# What Communists Believe About Good and Evil

By HOWARD SELSAM
*Director, Jefferson School*

***Harry Truman notwithstanding, the Communists have a clearly defined ethics. Here are some of its main features.***

PRESIDENT TRUMAN, not long ago, echoing such people as Clare Booth Luce, Fulton J. Sheen, and John Foster Dulles, told a press conference that there was an unbridgeable gulf between the word "ethics" and the word "communism." He added that he knew that Communists had no ethics.

This is an old and stale slander. For a century Communists, or Marxists, have been attacked for having no ethics or for having a bad one that runs counter to all that mankind has ever believed to be good and right.

The truth is that only the moral goals, the ethical ideals of Communists today give expression to the best ethical teachings of the sages and prophets of the ages: the brotherhood of man, the abundant life, the fullest freedom for each individual to develop his or her highest capabilities in harmony with the aspirations of all other individuals, a world society in which all peoples are equals and in which all cooperate for the material well-being and cultural enrichment of all. The new, distinctive, revolutionary contribution of Marxist-Leninists is the recognition that the precondition for their fulfillment is an ever-improving living standard for all people, and that this is possible today only through the socialist reorganization of society under the leadership of the working class.

We Marxists derive our ethics not from abstract concepts of right and wrong, but from the needs and interests of the overwhelming masses of people, from those whose labor alone produces the necessities, conveniences, luxuries of life. We neither have, nor can have, any goals in theory or in practice that are not those of the working masses.

And what do the working people of the world want? They need and want food, clothing, shelter; love, friendship, recreation; opportunity to raise a family under conditions that will ensure the healthy development of their children in body and mind. They want security in old age and sickness. They want the four freedoms of the late President Roosevelt and Henry Wallace.

These are the ethical goals of the Communists, who, in their theory and practice, represent the needs and interests, aims and aspirations of the working people of the world. We have no other aims, no other needs.

### *Class Ethics Stem From Class Needs*

Communists believe that everything that helps the working class, the Negro people, the poor farmers, the exploited colonial people, oppressed national minorities, to achieve a better life is good, and whatever hinders them in this is bad. When we say "what is good for the working class is good," it is because our scientific analysis proves that only the working class, of the classes in the modern capitalist world, is impelled by its needs to struggle for the abolition of all oppression of man by man, and hence for a better life for all mankind.




*"Is it not true that you advocate the Brotherhood of Man?"*

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The capitalist class, on the other hand, regardless of the personal intentions of individual capitalists, is required by the capitalist system to place profits above human life and human well-being. It is impelled to drive towards war and destruction, towards ever more intense exploitation of the workers at home and peoples abroad.

As a class without a future it is being led by its biggest monopolists into most desperate adventurist acts. It is increasingly taking the position: Better risk a war of annihilation than the loss of power and profits.

What is good for the capitalist class, in short, especially in the epoch of imperialism, is bad for all the rest of mankind, while what is good for the workers is good for everyone but a handful of bankers, industrialists and their political and ideological henchmen. Only the working class can have as its aim the use of its skills and the vast forces of production at hand to abolish want and poverty for all the peoples of the earth. But as we Communists know, the only real solution to the problems of war, poverty, crisis, and unemployment lies in the abolition of the capitalist system of economy and the building in its place of socialism in which "the good of all is the good of each."

There are many who profess to have no disagreement with our aims, or goals, but only with the means we advocate for achieving them. They say that for us "the end justifies the means." This question, therefore, must be examined. It is true that Communists, not believing in any supposedly "eternal decrees" of a God, or an eternal and absolute moral law written in the heavens, believe that men themselves, in their historical development, create their own standards of what is good, what is right and wrong.

We deny, therefore, as have all philosophical materialists from the Greeks to the present, that there is anything absolutely good, right, or just in and by itself. For us the only good is people living well, living ever better, and the only standard for judging something as good or bad is whether it helps the people to raise the material and cultural conditions of their life or interferes with their doing so.

### *Issue Not Simple One Of Means to Ends*

Communists constantly fight against individual acts of violence, against self-seeking at the expense of one's fellows, against white chauvinism and attitudes of male supremacy, and the other moral evils that so beset capitalist society. We do this not simply because we have high moral standards but because these evils hinder the masses of people in their struggle for a better life. We know that the highest task before mankind today is to abolish war and fascism, and to raise the living standards of all the peoples of the earth. We believe that whatever genuinely helps to achieve this is good, and whatever hinders it is bad.

This viewpoint is not limited to Communists. Something like it was expressed by that famous spokesman of the Abolition movement in America, William Lloyd Garrison, when he wrote: "Cost what it may, every slave on the American soil must be liberated from his chains. Nothing is to be put in competition, on the score of value, with the price of liberty." Such a principle was employed by Quakers on the Underground Railroad. They lied heartily to the officials to protect the Negroes in their care on their flight to freedom.

A similar approach was taken by Henry David Thoreau in his defense of the Abolitionist movement. In answer to the arguments of opponents of resistance to the slave power that the remedy would be worse than the evil, Thoreau replied: "But it is the fault of the government itself that the remedy is worse than the evil. It makes it worse."

While we would not agree that Thoreau was right in saying that the remedy against slavery was "worse," he is right in saying, in other words, that it was the nature of the slave power that determined the means necessary to fight the evil of slavery, not the nature of the goal of freedom for the slaves.

Similarly, today, it is the nature of capitalist class rule that determines the means the working masses must employ to improve their conditions and to establish socialism. So was it the nature of British rule in the American colonies that required our ancestors to employ revolutionary means to redress their grievances and secure their liberation from the British yoke. The issue is not, and never has been, an abstraction of the relations of means and ends, but whose ends are to be served: those of an outworn reactionary ruling class or those of the forces of progress and democracy?

### *Highest Concept Of Marxist Ethics*

It would be ludicrous, were it not so tragic, the way the corrupt spokesmen of Anglo-American imperialism shudder with moral horror when they quote Lenin's statement: "We repudiate all morality derived from non-human and non-class concepts. . . . Our morality is entirely subordinated to the interests of the class struggle of the proletariat."

What a show of moral indignation is put up by Acheson and the atom-bomb diplomats, by Harry Truman of H-bomb fame. All they do is to repudiate all morality [illegible] capitalist-class concepts, all morality not entirely subordinated to the interests of the world rule of Wall Street imperialism. They are monstrous hypocrites, and only the self-interested, the blind, and the faint-hearted are deceived by their pretense of moral indignation.

No one of them dares to quote the key sentence of Lenin's passage from which the other quotations are taken. It reads: "Morality serves to help human society rise to a higher level and get rid of the exploitation of labor." (The Young Generation, p. 41). This reveals the true meaning and nature of Communist ethics. Its principles are derived from the struggle of the world's working people and its goal is the abolition of the exploitation of man by man.

The highest concept of Marxist ethics is that of Freedom. For Marxists all human history is marked by the struggle of men and women for ever greater freedom. But freedom is not a mere absence of restraint or a mere right to vote or any other abstract right. It is the actual power of mankind to determine the conditions of its life through its mastery of the forces of nature and the institutions of society. It is the power of collective humanity to determine its destiny, to build for itself an ever better world, and to secure for itself ever widening opportunities of development for all individuals.

Such in brief is the ethics of the Communist movement. We Communists are proud of our ethical position because we know it embraces the hopes and aspirations of the overwhelming majority of the people of the United States and of the whole world, whatever their philosophy or religious beliefs. Our ethics, in fact, expresses in a clear and scientific way the things mankind has been struggling for through the ages. Ours is the ethics of all progressive humanity. That is why we fight, and are fought by, the dog-eat-dog "ethics" of the bourgeoisie, the imperialists.

# It Won for the Workers of Louisville, too




***Where there is hesitancy on the part of any trade unionist to fight for Negro-white unity, where there is a feeling that 'we shouldn't be too militant' because an election might be lost, there the story of the Louisville Harvester workers should be told and retold.***

**By SAM KUSHNER**

LOUISVILLE, Ky.

WHEN, in the fall of 1947 in the Southern city of Louisville, Ky., a group of white workers from the assembly department marched to the washroom of the International Harvester plant and physically tore down a partition that separated the "white" washroom from the "colored" washroom, they ripped open the company's vicious Jimcrow tradition.

These workers have been successfully battling Jimcrow and the Harvester monopoly ever since.

Chuck Gibson, then president of the FE Harvester Local at Louisville and a veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain, was the leader of this historic and dramatic repudiation of the company's anti-Negro policy.

This is a small part of the story of the Louisvile Farm Equipment Workers. This is just an "incident" in the history of this Southern local that has shattered one reactionary tradition after another. This is a story that needs telling from one end of the country to the other. Wherever there is Jimcrow, wherever there is class collaboration (cozy deals with the company), this story needs telling. This is one of the brightest lights at the half way mark of the 20th century in American labor.

### *50 Negroes Among 2,000 Workers*

The Louisville plant was picked up by the Harvester company for a song as part of its postwar expansion policy. An ill-fated project for the manufacture of plastic planes had previously been the main wartime activity at this plant. No sooner had the plant started operations when the battle for representation of the workers started. Entering into the field was the UAW-CIO with a staff under the leadership of R. J. Thomas, the International Association of Machinists and the then United Farm Equipment and Metal Workers of America. FE was also a CIO union at the time.

Of the 2,000 workers then employed in the plant, only about 50 were Negroes. The Harvester Company at the time of the opening of the plant did not establish Jimcrow facilities in the plant. However, during the election campaign, the company stooges who were supporters of the Reutherite program in the plant made a public issue of the lack of segregation "in accordance with Southern custom."




The company quickly obliged and set up a Jimcrow cafteria and Jimcrow washrooms. It was then that the FE forces forcibly tore down the partitions in the washrooms.

**The reactionary forces in the plant felt that by moving so decisively against Jimcrow the FE would forfeit the support of the white workers in the election. Exactly the opposite happened. Because of their principled position, the FE forces won the election hands down from the IAM and the UAW. This was the first step.**

Immediately after the National Labor Board elections, the workers voted to strike. The issues were: (1) establishment of piece-work prices at once; (2) elimination of the North-South differential in Harvester plants. This strike which lasted over six weeks was won. The first point was won completely, and the regional differential was narrowed to a couple of cents.

### *Contract Protection Needed Daily Action*

In the attempt to smash this strike, the company used the IAM to lead a "back-to-work movement." Everything was all set for this union-busting move. All of the FE organizers except one was arrested. The only organizer not arrested was William Smith, Negro, a newcomer, and apparently the authorities did not yet know of his arrival in town. The morning that the "back-to-work movement" was to start, Smith single-handedly rallied hundreds of white workers at the plant gates to save the union. Not a single worker entered the plant that morning. To this day in Louisville, they talk of the job that Bill Smith did on that historic morning. That was the day that won the strike.

With a contract under their belts, the workers at Louisville did not take a smug attitude that now all they had to do was to wait another year for contract negotiations. They were determined to protect their contract every day of the year and they literally did so. During the entire year of 1948 there was a work stoppage every single day of one kind or another in defense of the contract.

### *Workers Reject 'Respectable' Unionism*

This was no temporary spurt of activity on the part of the workers. According to the company, there were 98 stoppages in the plant 1949. Included in this list of militant actions was a 3-day stoppage of the entire plant in protest against the firing of two Negro workers. Both of these workers were the only Negroes in otherwise lily-white departments.

Immediately after the 1949 CIO convention and the expulsion of FE and UE from the CIO the Reutherite UAW forces began another raid against FE-UE (these two unions merged before the CIO convention). One of the biggest issues raised by the Reuther forces was voting for a "full paycheck and no stoppages."

This the majority of the workers knew would mean capitulation to the company. This would be "respectable" trade unionism-Reuther style. In order to win the workers for this class collaboration policy, Reuther himself took charge of the campaign. Father Rice, Association of Catholic Trade Unionists chaplain from Pittsburgh, came to Louisville to "sew up the Catholic Vote" for Reuther.

**Reuther's policy of "respectability" was rejected by the workers. Father Rice was publicly condemned by leading Catholics in the plant for his interference in the election. And once again the workers set forth their firm determination to fight for Negro-white unity.**

**Prior to the election, the women's auxiliary scheduled a local dance. The date was set for two nights before the election. At this time, of some 3,000 working in the plant, about 400 workers were Negroes. The dance was held. It was the first public dance of Negroes and whites in the history of the state of Kentucky.**

In the first major test of strength in the country after the expulsions from the CIO, the workers in Louisville supported the FE-UE by a 2 to 1 vote. This was a vote for militant trade unionism. This was a vote for Negro-white unity. Today in the Louisville Harvester Local 3 of the seven officers on the executive board are Negroes. This is not only historic for the South, it is historic for the entire country.

This story would not be complete without singling out one of the leaders of this historic series of developments in Louisville. Sterling Neal, 33-year-old Negro, who last week was elected as a member of the District Executive Board of UE-FE District 9, has been in the front lines of the struggle from the very first day of the organization the plant. Neal is a member of the National Harvester Council, and is one of the key grievance men in the plant. Neal is one of the principal leaders of 3,000 Southern workers, both Negro and white.

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Rockwell Kent, distinguished American artist and writer, speaking at a banquet for the delegates to the recent Moscow meeting of the permanent committee of the World Peace Congress.

# Who'll Save the Peace? Not Diplomats, But You

***A noted Soviet writer assails 'ostrich-optimism' and dismal fatalism as the twin dangers facing the peace forces. What to do about them?***

**By ILYA EHRENBURG**

STOCKHOLM, Sweden

EVERY one of us, walking along the streets of Stockholm—one of the most beautiful cities of Europe—has probably often thought of how peace helps the creative genius of a people. The Swedes have long preferred the pick, spade and compass to the sword of Charles XII. The city in which we are now meeting was won by man from nature, from stern and unyielding cliffs. This is a splendid victory. And such bloodless victories we can only wish all the peoples.

It is easy to understand that there are no supporters of war in Sweden, but I am afraid that certain Swedes, although they undoubtedly set a high value on peace, still cannot be regarded as supporters of peace. We are well aware that it is not enough to thirst for peace, it is also necessary to know how to defend peace.

### *Decisive Stage Of Battle for Peace*

The residents of Oslo and Copenhagen loved peace no less than the people of Stockholm, and this love was just as passive as the love of peace of certain residents of Stockholm. If history is viewed as a senseless lottery, then it can be said that Sweden twice drew a lucky number, while Norway and Denmark, after one chance win, drew an equally chance blank.

However, I do not think that the architects and steelworkers of Sweden, that the mothers of Sweden would be satisfied with such an approach toward history, towards the future, towards their cities and their children. For it is quite possible, after two wins, to draw on the third occasion a blank, and now the peace-loving and industrious Swedes are involuntarily thinking about this. It is not enough to value peace. Peace must be defended.

One year has passed since our Paris Congress. The forces of the peace supporters have grown. They have grown to such an extent that the warmongers are compelled to redouble their deception, to increase coercion tenfold. However, the forces of the peace supporters have not yet grown to such an extent as to force the warmongers to abandon their criminal schemes.

We are entering the decisive stage of our great battle for peace. Our children will either bless our successful struggle or damn our vain efforts. The result of the peace struggle now depends on us. The danger of habit, of smugness and heedlessness is immense. . . . The danger consists in the fact that, while reading about bombs and super-bombs day in and day out, people become accustomed to this howl of bloodthirsty men as to an inevitable accompaniment to life. This engenders the optimism of the ostrich. The Philistine says: "This is not the first year that they have been writing about war and there is no war as yet. Hence—there will be no war."

It also gives rise to pessimism, which is just as out of place as the above-mentioned optimism of the ostrich. The Philistine of the gloomy type thinks: "If war is so much spoken of it means that war is inevitable, a year earlier or a year later. What can I, a little Durand or Smith, do? It is best to live quietly for a year or two and then—let come what may." The strength of the warmongers consists in the fact that, by ceaseless talk about war, they befuddle people, compel the man in the street either to believe that the danger does not exist or to consider it inevitable. Our duty is to dispel naive complacency and overcome dismal fatalism.

### *Issue Depends on Ordinary People*

We must convince ordinary people the world over that it is on them alone that the issue of war or peace depends. Frankly speaking, it is not diplomats, and not even generals, who fight in battle. It is ordinary men who fight. If all those gentlemen who make bellicose speeches or compose bellicose works were to be brought together there would hardly be enough of them to form even one field company.

We know, dear friends, that we are not a gathering of a set of people who think alike, not a club of theorists. No, it is we, I repeat, precisely we, who are the genuine representatives of the peoples of all the continents, of the peoples who do not want to fight in war and will not fight. We must firmly declare to all: "The question of whether or not there will be war is not a question of a lottery or gamble. It is not even a question as to how many mentally unbalanced people hold responsible posts in this or that country. Whether or not there will be war depends on those millions of people whom we represent here."

Every living man has a right to vote—the Negro from the Mississippi and the pariah from India, the farmhand from Sicily and the Marseilles stevedore. Let the world vote, not according to the instruction of charlatans, but let it vote honestly. Every living person has his right to vote and we know that every living man would vote against the supporters of anew war. The dead have also the right to vote—the heroes of Stalingrad, the guerillas of Europe, the victims of Lidice and Oradour, the innocent children who perished in London, in Rotterdam, and in Warsaw which has suffered so much. We remember the graves. And the dead cry out against the new bloodthirsty men, against these supermen with their loathsome super-bombs.

### *Soviets Seek Peace Not From Weakness*

The warmongers attempt to represent our movement, which unites people of different countries, different ideologies, as a movement allegedly defending the Soviet Union. I deem it necessary to state very clearly on my own behalf and on behalf of the whole Soviet delegation that it is not supporters of peace who defend the Soviet Union but that the Soviet people, together with other peoples, together with the best representatives of the American and British peoples, defend the cause of peace.

The Soviet people uphold peace, not because they have become weak. They defend peace because they are morally strong, because they believe in their future, in their creative labor and in the happiness of their children. We have no fear. Our strength has been tested, not on parades, not in Olympic games, but among the ruins of Stalingrad. And if we have come out victorious from the terrible single combat against the Fascist army, it is because we had armor which is really impregnable—the armor of our political consciousness, the armor of our conscience, the armor of our will for life.

### *Challenge Americans To Peaceful Competition*

In this city, which accidentally avoided the horrors of war, I want to say that by defending peace, we Soviet people are defending not only the children of Leningrad, a city which has shown that it cannot be brought to its knees, but the children of Stockholm as well, because to us your children are the future. Consequently they are our friends. And what are the children of Stockholm to the supermen with their super-bombs? They are a random target, an unimportant card in a bloody game of poker.



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I want to remind you once again, my dear friends, that we Soviet people have confidence in the vitality of our ideas, and therefore we do not intend to back them up either by bombs or by super-bombs. We are confident of the triumph of our creative labor, therefore we do not intend to prove the rightness of our world outlook by force. We are convincing and we shall continue to convince other people of our rightness—by our cities which are growing with every year, by our harvests, our books, by a growth of human consciousness which, in our country outstrips the growth of all cities.

I want to explain once again our attitude towards those countries which have other ideas and another economy. We do not want to force the Soviet way of life on anyone. It is not an article for export.

In the Soviet Union there is peaceful Socialist competition. One plant issues a challenge to another plant regarding the effectiveness of their work, the quality of their output. Well, we Soviet people challenge our American ill-wishers to peaceful competition. . . .

The warmongers love to talk of the intolerance of Soviet people. They love to allege that we fence ourselves off from the world. Enough of that! Mr. Rogge has visited the Kremlin and while there he defended his ideas which are far from being ours. Because of that, we did not summon him before the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We talked it over with him in a friendly way.

Where is it—that notorious 'Iron Curtain'? Who was it who dared not allow into his country the world-famous artist, Pablo Picasso, on the sole grounds that he is a supporter of peace? Who slammed the door in the face of the Dean of Canterbury? Was it a country of Marxists or a country of dubious Christians? . . .

### *For Unconditional Prohibition of A-Bombs*

The talks of the diplomats have lasted too long. The game of the lunatics with bombs has also been inexcusably dragged out. We must call upon all honest people of the world to raise their voices and demand immediate, complete and unconditional prohibition of the atomic weapon. It is clear even to the very young that the atomic bomb

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*Books:*

# The Life and Writings of Frederick Douglass

**The Life and Writings of Frederick Douglass. By Philip S. Foner. Two volumes, Early Years. 448 pp. The Decade Before the Civil War. 576 pp. International Publishers. New York. $4 each.**

*By ABNER W. BERRY*

IN AMERICA'S "total" Jimcrow—which extends to history textbooks—there has been no place for a statesman like Frederick Douglass.

Douglass was a Negro and a slave, but he was not contented; and his writings do not reflect the thoughts and actions of a "misled political buffon." To the contrary his life and his works represent a lively and needed picture of the United States from 1840 through the Reconstruction period.

Philip S. Foner in The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass has assembled the speeches and writings of this remarkable ex-slave, and in doing so has given us for the first time a full portrait of Douglass and revealed valuable source material for honest students who should want to set straight the story of the nation.

From a timid Abolitionist speaker in Nantucket, Mass., in 1839, Douglass developed rapidly into an anti-slavery statesman. Schooling himself not only with the literary tools which he used in his writings and speeches, the young Douglass became intimately acquainted with the documents of democracy and political science.

**THE NARRATIVE** of the Life of Frederick Douglass, written by Douglass in 1845, became a best seller on both sides of the Atlantic. The proceeds from the small book helped pay the author's fare to England and to purchase his own body from the man who held legal title to it in the United States. It is a testimony to the white chauvinism which pervades American scholarship, the fact that this important piece of American literature is not listed in our most liberal literary histories.

To historians like Henry Steele Commager, of Columbia University, who still can write in a textbook that Negro slaves were better off than northern workers—taking the political line of the slaveholders—the New England Society wrote in 1845: [The Narrative answers] "those who believe the slaves . . . to be either well-treated, or happy, or ignorant of their right to freedom, or in need of preparation to make them fit for freedom."

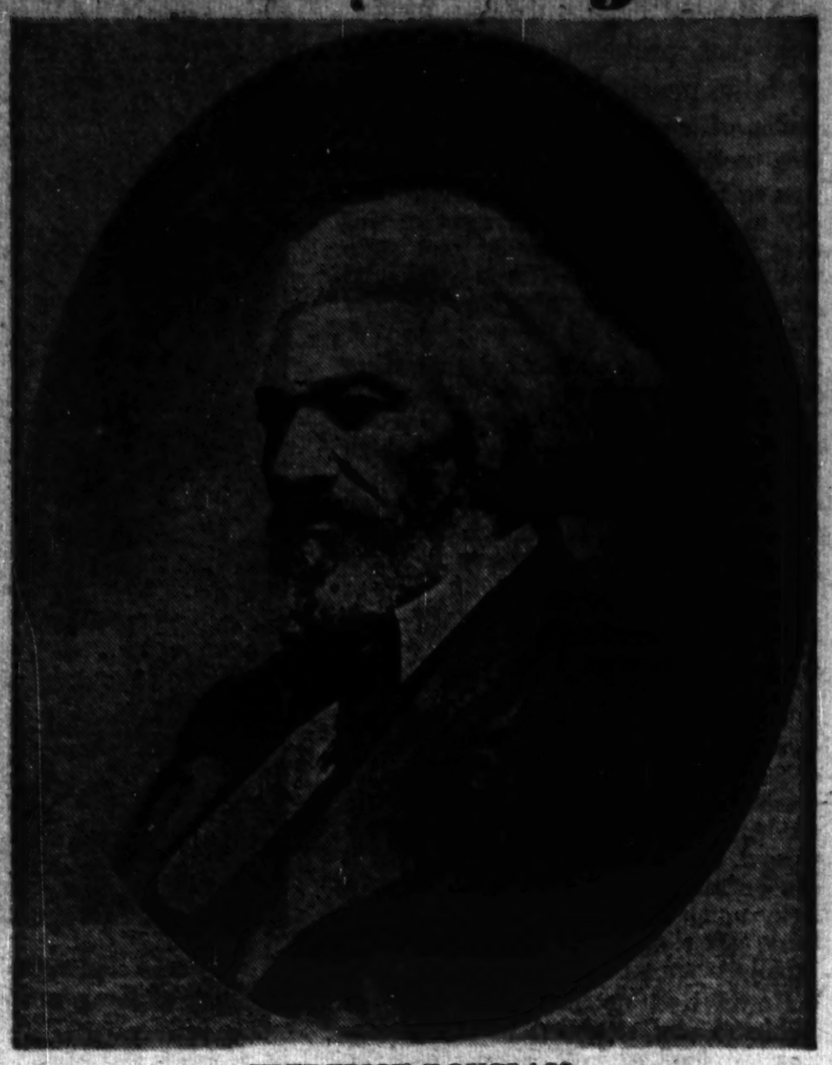
But as good an example as he was, Douglass did not wish to remain a passive symbol of the Negroes' potential. He fought within the anti-slavery movement for his right to independent thought and action. He published his own newspaper in the face of opposition from his colleagues who thought he lacked the ability. He differed with the Garrisonians on the Constitution, separating himself from those who would have let the South secede with its slaves.

He fought for the rights of women and saw before any of his white fellow-Abolitionists the political role which the Republican party was to play. He had no illusions as to what the Republicans stood for, but stated that he would work for the election of a party which opposed the extension of slavery while he wished the party had demanded its death.

**THERE ARE** many points made by Douglass in the two volumes under review—Early Years and The Decade Before the Civil War—which would bring discomfort to the cold war politicians and bankers now in the Washington driver's seat. They would bridle at Douglass' castigation of those who supported the "popular side" in backing the war against Mexico. They would not like Douglass' assertion that slaveholders had put themselves outside the law, and therefore could even be shot without moral guilt falling upon their killers.

Douglass' biting sarcasm used against those who profess to be leaders to freedom while enslaving millions, is too good a description of the guilt of the Jimcrow crowd now waving H-bombs and yelling "freedom."

But Douglass did not limit his fight for freedom to editorials and speeches; he was to be found fighting the pro-slavery mobs which roamed the streets of northern cities. "The limits of tyrants," he wrote, just before the Civil War engulfed the nation, "are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress. In the light of these ideas, Negroes will be hunted at the North, and held and flogged at the South so long as they submit to these devilish outrages and make no resistance . . . Men may not get all they pay for in this world, but they must certainly pay for all they get."



FREDERICK DOUGLASS

**AGAIN AND AGAIN,** Douglass put this philosophy into practice: In defense of John Brown and direct action against slavery; by his physical resistance to slave-catchers and by his activity, later, during the Civil War.

But these volumes are more than the story of one man's life, as interesting and instructive as that life is in today's political atmosphere. It is that part of America's submerged history which the chauvinists and imperialists have sought to hide from the people. For a picture—another and more objective picture of America from 1817 to 1860 one must read this work.

The capitalist historians and their employers have much to fear from the works of this ex-slave who became one of the country's internationally known figures. But those of us who wish to rescue the true American tradition from its traducers in the fight for our our liberties and the world's peace, will feel grateful to Dr. Foner and International Publishers for this most important "first" in a long time.

In addition to the work of gathering the material written by Douglass, Dr. Foner has written a biographical sketch to accompany each volume. The reader is thereby able to trace and relate the general conditions under which each speech and editorial was written.

The main complaint against the book, from this corner, is the fact that there has been too little horn-blowing by the publisher, and too few future readers know that such a valuable collection of historical writings are available about America's best Negro historical figure.




## TREATMENT OF THE JEW IN AMERICAN MOVIES

**(For Jewish History Week, April 16-22)**

The Jew has had various kinds of treatment in American films. In the silent era, as Harry Alan Potamkin has noted, the Jew was pictured as a "clown or a sentimentalized scarecrow."

One of the earliest films of the comic Jew was Thomas Edison's Cohen's Fire Sale, made in 1907 which linked the Jew with arson.



The first release of Keystone Films was the anti-Semitic Mack Sennett film Cohen Collects A Debt. A later Keystone comedy The Riot was anti-Irish as well as anti-Jewish. In it, a Jewish shopkeeper dared to chastise the Kelly kid. Mr. Kelly "upholds the fighting reputation of he race." Mr. Kelly "reinforces" his wife and hi Irish neighbors take a hand. The Jewish foll "rally to the defense of their own." In the en suing riot "stones and sticks fairly rain down o the combatants." The police are called out bu even they can't cope with the riot in which bombs are now being thrown." The militia is ordered to scene but "it's not until the fire department arrives with hose and pours powerful streams of water on the mob that the fighters are stopped.

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**THE JEW** in these poisonous little films was either a peddler, tailor or pawnbroker. If he had any other trades they have escaped me. Cohen—or Levy—or Levitzky (played at one time or another by Ford Sterling, Max Asher, Max Davidson and George Sidney) was pictured with a bulbous nose. He was a cheat in business, a misfit in society. He provoked laughter by rubbing his hands together and by the way he danced the kazatsky. His wife was the super-tear producer. Vera Gordon of Humoresque fame was tops at this sort of thing. His daughter usually loved the Irish boy next door. In retaliation papa throws bricks at the Grand Master of the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Here's how the Jewish writer N. L. Rothman described this disgusting caricature back in 1928:

"Cohen maneuvers the Irish policeman into purchasing an antique suit at thrice its value. Laughter and applause. So real! The victim pursues Cohen and thrusts him headlong into a garbage receptacle. Laughter and applause. So funny. Cohen's daughter runs off with the scion of the policeman. Cohen takes down the girl's picture—while tears roll down his nose. So real! Years pass! Enter the daughter with two children—one of them has a nose. Reconciliation. Tears. Laughter. So real. So funny!"

Protests from both Jews and Catholics forced modifications of the comic Jew and comic Irish but as late as the mid-30s an offensive 'quickie' titled Mr. Cohen Takes A Walk was challenged with not a little hypocrisy by the Catholic Legion of Decency because a Jewish boy marries an Irish girl and the ceremony is performed by a Priest and then by a Rabbi.

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**WHEN THE JEW** was not pictured in films as a clown he was idealized as in Solomon's Son, a Reliance film produced, said the studio, "with dignity, minus the burlesque atmosphere usually attending the Gentile's version of a Jewish story." In this class one finds innumerable films like The Life of Moses, advertised as "an elaborate historical promoting toleration and cordiality toward Jews;" Abraham's Sacrifice, a "biblical telling of the patriarch's willingness to offer up his only son Isaac to the Lord," Esther and Mordecai, Egypt in the Time of Moses, etc., etc.

Cecil DeMille's meretricious film King of Kings which appeared in 1927 was the ultimate in idealized films on the Jew. To the upper-class Jews whose dignity was offended by the portrayal of the biblical characters in King of Kings, DeMille replied indignantly: "Would I insult the Jews, I'm half-Jew myself." And so, as Potamkin observed, we get the Jew on the 'half-shell,' the worker on the 'half-shell' as an appetizer for middle-class attitudes."

David Wark Griffith's mystico-liberal but masterly directed film Intolerance (1916)—the first major film which portrayed a workers' strike sympathetically—was anti-Semitic in its biblical sequence. The Jerusalem scenes hinted that the Jews were involved in the killing of Christ. This, together with the film's failure to mention intolerance toward the Negro enormously weakened the impact of its middle-class message.

(Continued next Sunday)

*Around the Dial:*

# More On The 'St. John Passion'

*By BOB LAUTER*

IN a recent column, discussing letters which pointed out that public performances of Bach's "St. John's Passion" encourage anti-Semitic sentiments, one sentence was poorly formulated, and gave an impression which was not intended. After speaking of the text of the Passion, a text "which revives dangerous anti-Semitic myths," I commented that no one can deny that the "St. John Passion" is a masterwork of enduring stature.

This, of course, referred to Bach's music. It is important to point out that Bach, like others in his time, draw upon the Bible for his text. And although, as I stated, "Bach was the greatest musical voice of a great progressive movement, the Reformation," he, too, was subject to the prejudices and misconceptions of his time. When he put the text of the Passion according to St. John to music, he was, within the context of his time, identifying himself with what was new and healthy in his society. But this Passion, presented today, denies the basic humanism of Bach himself by perverting his music to reactionary ends.

**AN INTERESTING** comment on the Passion according to St. John (the text, and not the music), comes from Solomon Landman and Benjamin Efron, authors of the recently published Story Without End, an informal history of the Jewish people.

"The animosity against the Jews," wrote the authors, "born of religious rivalry and the need to differentiate between Paul's religious doctrines and the Jewish faith, led Roman leaders to make outright attacks upon the Jews and Judaism to keep Gentiles from entering the Christian fold. The antagonism grew to such a pitch that Christian religious tracts, such as the 'Gospel according to John' which was written about two generations after Jesus, placed the entire blame for the crucifixion of Jesus upon the Jews. Nevertheless, the Romans considered the 'Christian' congregation as part of the Jewish community, and their members as Jews."

**THERE IS NO** "cultural excuse" for the presentation of works that encourage anti-Semitism, or any other anti-human current, or the word "culture" itself becomes a travesty. That which in any period becomes anti-human, loses its validity as culture for that period.

# World of Labor

## She Came Up Against The Real Spy Network

By George Morris

JEANETTE BROWN, a worker at the Lancaster, Pa., plant of the RCA corporation told a story that hundreds of other could tell if they only had her courage. She, as revealed in the UE News of April 3, told how an FBI agent grilled her in a room of the company's offices in an effort to get her to turn into a spy against her union, the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.



Her story was typical of the kind you hear from many sources these days, but she had the guts to make public this example of the way the FBI has taken over the field once dominated by the Pinkerton, Burns and like anti-union spy agencies. She was called in, third-degreed and asked to be an informer on those who favored Henry Wallace, strikes and the UE. After the unsuccessful grilling, the FBI agent, who all the time had before him the company's personnel record about her, cautioned her, "Remember, you'll go back to your workplace and you won't talk to anybody about this, because you are being watched."

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JEANNETTE BROWN simply revealed the latest developments in one of America's oldest rackets—the anti-labor spy racket. In the seventies and eighties the union-busting spy racket was so great that it became a big issue in the Populist upsurge of the period. James B. Weaver, the Populist Presidential candidate in 1892, estimated that the number of operatives then employed by the Pinkerton agency was higher than the number in America's standing army at that time.

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IT IS THIS private army of union-busters that was for decades used against the rise of unionism as informers on the activities of employes, what they read, whom they knew, where they belonged and what opinions they held. They provided the names for the blacklists. Many of them were sent into unions to become elected to posts—especially the key posts from which they could disrupt the organization most effectively. They provided sabotage service, like force and violence, arson, dynamiting and even murder, to provide the grounds for frameups against the honest labor leaders. Then they served as witnesses in the frameups.

Redbaiting was part of their ammunition. They were especially instructed to single out the Marxists, "internationalists," or socialists when that was still a designation for Marxists. They infiltrated the organization of the Marxists for that very objective.

America first took official notice of the spy racket in the LaFollette Senate Committee investigation in the thirties. The records the committee was able to subpoena from these spy agencies showed that part of their profit, for the 1933-36 period alone, aggregated $9,440,000. That list, incidentally, showed RCA and Radio Corporation Manufacturing contributed a total of $1,052,904 for spy service.

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THE WAGNER ACT put these profitable spy agencies virtually out of business. Labor grew to a membership of some 15,000,000 by the time the Taft-Hartley Act with its new formula for a spy racket, was enacted.

The T-H law simply legalized a pattern that had already been developing. The technique is to disrupt unions and bust strikes by greater emphasis on redbaiting. Spy activity, provocation, blacklisting and strikebreaking are justified on the ground that they are ostensibly aimed only at the "red" unions. And any union that fights for the workers is invariably found to be "red" or "red tinged."

By now the spy racket has advanced to a point where the government, through the FBI, carries on the main work of the spy agencies in the name of "security" and as part of the cold war. The spy and provocateur are on the FBI payroll. If a LaFollette Committee investigation was to take place now, it would most likely be found that many of the Pinkerton and Burns men of former days now wear FBI badges.

This profession, really the "oldest" and most despicable, now has the stamp of legal approval and the dignity of government sponsorship. Indeed, the Department of Justice openly enters a hearing of the House Appropriation Committee and argues for extra funds to finance this vast underground spy network it has set up to infiltrate the Communist Party, progressive-led unions and organizations and rightwing unions to "protect" them from "Communism." (See the Pamphlet "The Big Plot," five cents, National Non-Partisan Committee, 23 West 26th St.) Jeannette Brown only told of one person's experience with America's real underground spy network.

# Letters from Readers

### *Bubble Gum and Propaganda*

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, The Worker:

My son of 5½ has been buying bubble gum to acquire cowboy and American history pictures which come with the gum. But the other day, he brought home two cards which are part of a new series. One deals with the assassination of a priest in Rumanio by so-called "Communists." The other is about the deportation to Siberia of Soviet citizens who "have displeased Communist officials."

I immediately told him he should not buy this gum any more and explained the reason. He understood because he is in a progressive household. But when I think of the millions of cards like these going into all sorts of homes under the influence of our gutter press and radio, it makes me fear the concepts our very young generation is getting with no one to combat it.

The gum and cards are put out by Bowman Gum, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa. I have written a protest letter to the company, but I feel more about be done. This is all part of plan to nazify our children and must be given serious consideration.

MRS. N. CAROWAY.

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### *Urge Food for China Instead of Arms*

Hong Kong, China.

Editor, The Worker:

"Substitute Bombs With Flour, Food" is the headline of a leading article in a Hong Kong daily paper published by Chinese political independents who incline to rightist views. It may give the American people some food for thought.

In substance, the article states that the United States has supplied Chiang Kai-shek with planes and bombs to blast the Chinese people and their properties. Now, viewing the long friendship enjoyed by our two peoples, it is a good opportunity to the Americans to demonstrate to the Chinese people their real intention by sending us flour and food instead of bombs.

It is, indeed, the right time for our American friends to extend their helping hand. The writer is an importer of American goods and I believe that it is also a good paying proposition. Perhaps something like 100,000 tons of flour or wheat. This will cost the United States approximately $10,000,000. It will be, however, sufficiently repaid by one year's trade with China, and with a profit.

Billions of dollars have been spent to support the Chiang Kai-shek group, and nothing resulted —except it helped the Chinese Communists to have American equipment, which was turned over to them by Chiang's army.

Our American friends, please do something!

DAVID CHEN.

### *Says Bosses Work Too!*

New York

Editor, The Worker:

The column "This is Capitalism" of April 2nd repeats once more the typical lie that the officials of the Chrysler Corporation never do an honest day's work and the myth that the work of the strikers makes "cars" and "profit."

While there may be malingers in the rank of officials, just as there are among the workers, the managing executives of business enterprises not only work harder and longer hours than the workers but have to bear the strain of difficult decisions, upon the wisdom of which the success or failure of the enterprise may depend, and besides they take their business problems home, while the workers' responsibility to his job ceases at the factory gates.

ROBERT S. LONG
Counselor at Law

Ed. Note: And some workers don't work at all—5,000,000 by latest unemployment figures.




### *Profit and Romance*

Birmingham, Ala.

Editor, The Worker:

A friend of mine and I were going across a field near his house and we met the landlord and one of his workers who lives on the plantation. The worker was spreading sulphate on some oats.

My friend and the landlord got into conversation. He told my friend that he owned 3,500 acres of land and was going to take three men with tractors and operate 1000 acres. He is going to put in 500 head of cattle and these same three men are to take care of them too.

He told my friend that he had been trying to get the worker who was there with him to get married. He said he had offered him $50 and a suit of clothes if he would get married. Now you know what that is for—so his wife can work for the landlord too and produce more workers for him to exploit. This worker has been with the family for 30 years and doesn't have changing clothes.

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# As We See It

## The Over-Production Of Intelligence

By Milton Howard

THAT CRAFTY old fox, George Clemenceau, once said: "The youth who is not a Socialist has no heart; the youth who remains a Socialist has no head." Such was the opportunist wisdom of an old capitalist politician for whom human life was a race for profit and power over the backs of other men. To show how he despised life and truth, he wrote a story of a blind man who regains his sight only to discover that his wife is unfaithful to him. To restore his spiritual tranquility, he blinds himself again. The truth had become the enemy of his happiness.



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I THOUGHT of this as I read the statement of a leading educator who fears that our hundreds of thousands of young Americans in the universities face a spiritual crisis. This crisis he labeled as "the struggle between career and conscience." Amazing revelation of the corroding immorality of our present "free enterprise" social system!

**The contradiction between the private ownership of industry and the social, collective character of all modern production creates a deep-seated hypocrisy in every aspect of human life. From top to bottom, life under capitalism is ridden with the contradiction between private greedy interest and public, human morality.**

The manufacturer does not rejoice when he sees socially useful goods created in increasing abundance everywhere. On the contrary, the greatest joy in his life would be if his fellow-human beings suffered an acute shortage of necessities, so that his private hoard of goods could then be sold at three, four, five or ten times their "value." According to the fraudulent laws of capitalist economics, this private advancement over the suffering of others would be "the law of supply and demand.

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THE GRAIN SPECULATOR prays for disasters, floods and the ruin of harvests; they send prices up. The organized medical profession shudders at the "socialism" which will carry medical care to the people and abolish most disease by abolishing "the mother of diseases," poverty. Physicians, whether they will it personally or not, profit privately from public suffering under present social conditions. Every man making profit is a living contradiction between private profit and human morals. Profit knows no morality. It knows only hypocrisy. Capitalist morality answers the Communist aspiration to human brotherhood with the leering swinishness that "business is business."

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WHY MUST OUR university youth face the immoral choice between career and conscience? Is not this the moral predicament of prostitution? Why do our youth feel a growing gap between their idealism and the tight-lipped prudence of most of their professors? The answer is that not only does capitalism in general forbid free thought, but the premeditated crime of the cold war is nazifying our university life. It is ironic that just as the cold war is exterminating every vestige of free inquiry, the witchhunters in the universities are expelling Communists because they "don't believe in free inquiry."

The men of the dollars are afraid to let our youth hear of socialism. The time when the young "heart" could be later betrayed by offering private wealth to the "head" is dying fast. The youth which seeks to master science for human betterment is now offered the cold war prophecy of atomic death. Never did our American youth need the science and morality of socialism more than today to arm them against the despairs and cynicisms of capitalist life.

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**NOT ONLY ARE socialism and peace suspect, but so is intelligence itself. Dr. Wallin, head of the New York Board of Regents, warns that we must not send "too many" to our universities. They will not find jobs, he predicts. They will turn their "bitter intelligence" against the "free enterprise" society, he fears. Thus, the immoral social system which generates "over-production" of potatoes, eggs, milk, wheat, clothing and machines now fears the "over-production" of intelligence itself. Communism seeks a society where career and the conscience, the heart and the head will be in harmony not in soul-destroying conflict.**

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**Have you sent this column your contribution to the fund drive yet?**

# THIS Is Paris

(Continued from Magazine Page 3)

space near the Wall for its own illustrious dead. Barbusse and Vaillant-Couturier are lying here. When I was last in Paris, in 1935, both were dynamically alive. Vaillaint-Courturier, that handsome brave tribune and poet, editor of Humanite, deputy in the National Assembly, war hero, painter, writer—mayor of the workers suburb of Ville Juif — the great Frenchman, the great Communist! I had been in his home and eaten his wonderful cooking. I had sat with him in his mayor's office and seen him among his people. Now I stood and mourned for him and Barbusse. Why can't our heroes live until the day of liberation for which they worked so hard? Vaillant-Couturier died too young—of overwork.

It was the annual Day of the Commune. The winding tree-shaded roads of the vast cemetery were filled with marching men and women. Bands played the revolutionary anthems; forests of red banners shone in the summer sun. A reviewing stand had been erected near the Wall of the Commune, where the paraders deposited their flowers. As they came into view and suddenly beheld Maurice Thorez Jacques Duclos, Marcel Cachin and other party leaders sitting there, framed in red bunting and flowers, their faces lit with spontaneous joy. It was lovely to watch wave after wave of these joyous faces, who cheered and called affectionate greetings.

Trying to find my way back to the street, I found myself at the tomb of Heloise and Abelard. In the twelfth century Peter Abelard was a teacher and theologian who was forerunner of rationalism. His story is as tragic as that of other pioneer rebel against superstition. The greatest scholar of his time, students flocked from all over Europe to attend his classes. He loved Heloise, and secretly married her. But her cruel, power-mad uncle, the churchman Fulbert, hired assassins and they seized Abelard one night and castrated him.

He was forced to leave his university. The church authorities hounded him from monastery to monastery. He was finally condemned for heresy, and died while on his way to Rome, where he hoped to appeal the sentence. Then his body was given to Heloise, by now a Prioress at the Paraclete. She buried Abelard in the oratory there, and twenty years later, when she too died, these lovers whom the cruel church bigots had persecuted and separated, were united in the dust.

I stood by the tomb of these first martyrs of humanism, while brass bands of the trade unions and Communist municipalities filled the sunny day with marching songs. Red flags passed in a tossing river. It was a feast of reason. Hadn't the ideas of humanism merged finally into Communism, and didn't the People now incarnate the philosophy of the great forerunner, Abelard? It seemed to me that Abelard, too, had never died.

### *Where Lenin Lived and Worked*

The confrontation of Thorez and Abelard illustrates the manner in which history lives in France. Past, present and future mingle on every street.

I lived for a while only a block away from the house where Lenin had lived for years in Paris. A memorial tablet had been placed on the side of the modest apartment house. Nearby was an old monastery, where the patient old Sisters tended their lettuce and onion plots. And nearby was the Street of the Tomb of Issoire, a street going back into the first century.

Lenin loved Paris, his wife and comrade, Krupskaya tells us in her memoirs. He liked to sit around workers' restaurant and listen to the earthly talk of their daily life. Lenin liked to visit the cabarets of the chansonniers. These ballad-makers and ballad-singers are an ancient Paris tradition. Close to the people, their songs are in popular slang, and are vivid and political as the songs of Bobby Burns.

Aristide Bruant, whom Toulouse Lautrec has painted in an unforgettable poster, was one of these bards of the people of Paris heard by Lenin. Jouy may have been another—the sad, bad,



glad, mad Jouy, who wrote in working-class terms of Jean le Prolo, (John the Proleterian), and whose satire and songs are as fresh today as the cartoons of Daumier.

One night, my wife and I were taking dinner in a little cafe opposite the house where Lenin lived. Maybe this was one of the places in the neighborhood where he sat with Krupskaya and drank a glass of red wine and listened to the revealing conversations of the French workingclass.

It was the usual little cafe—a zinc bar, behind which the polite, middle-aged proprietor served drinks. A barrel stove. Two long tables, no linen, reddish tops scratched and hacked by usage. The boss' son, a lively kid of 11, was the waiter. The boss' wife, stout, formidable and gay, was the cook. In their blue blouses and caps, the workers came in. They shook hands all around, then sat down to eat and argue and laugh.

This night a young fellow in a blue blouse, with a thin face and pencil-line mustache, and brown eyes that looked sad and surprised, like a child's began to tell a friend about the "dirty war" in Indo-China, where he had been shipped as a conscript. So everyone stopped to listen to him.

### *Wanted to Kill A Nazi Rapist*

He described the terrible life of the French soldier there—the diseases, the fevers, the unimaginable jungle heat. He described the loneliness and wounds in the rain—and the atrocities of the French army, torture, and slaughter and beheadings—the typical blessings that imperialism brings to the colonies.

"Those people hate us all," said the boy, his mouth quivering. "I don't blame them, Jean. We have a special bunch of murderers there whom our own soldiers hated, too. Twenty-thousand Nazi devils we have taken into the Foreign Legion. I myself tried to kill one of them, Jean, along with a pal of mine. We had seen him rape and murder a little girl."

"How could you stand it? How could you stand it?" exploded the fat, jovial cook from the kitchen.

"I often wanted to chop off my hand and be sent home," said the boy sombrely. "Most of the fellows felt the same. Jean, I tell you, chop your fingers off. It's better than being sent out there!"

A workman with a red face and grizzled big mustache said bitterly: "My brother has lost a son in this dirty war. It's time we finished this dirty war, and all the dirty bankers and dirty politicians who make money from it!"

"Those dockers, they're the traitors!" said a man with a smudged face, and coal dust around the eyes. "Hooray for the dockers who won't load war stuff. They're the guys with the right answer!"

There were more than 20 people in the little restaurant. Not one defended the "dirty war." In all the time I was in France, I never heard a single person defend this imperialist war.

"We'll have to fight them, like Jean Juares did!" said the old worker with the grizzled mustache and baggy corduroy pants.

### *Street Names And Subway Stations*

Another worker quoted a line from Victor Hugo, something resembling our "rich man's war and a poor man's fight." Does it seem surprising that workers should know about Juares and Victor Hugo? But the French people live with their history. It is always alive, always being added to.

Recent history has already been recorded in the daily life of Paris. Many streets had their names changed after the Liberation. There are literally hundreds of streets named for Henri Barbusse, Paul Valliant-Couturier, Gabriel Peri (Communist martyr who was foreign editor of Humanite), and for numerous trade union officials, doctors, journalists, students, state officials, murdered by the Nazis.

The Paris subway (cleaner and more efficient by far than our New York cave of horrors) has a list of stations whose names read like a history of revolutionary France.

One station is named Stalingrad. All over France in the smallest villages as well as the biggest cities, I found streets and squares named after Stalingrad. The French people still remember who saved the free world from Hitlerism. They will always remember.

There is a Metro station named after Jean Juares, the great Socialist tribune who was assassinated for his pacifism at the opening of World War I. Throughout France his name, too, is immortalized in thousands of streets and public squares.

A Metro station is named after Guy Moquet. This was the boy of 17, a young Communist, murdered with the hostages at Chateaubriant.

Among other victims, there was the young Dr. Tenin, whose uncle, Joe Tenin, is a farmer in Bucks County, Pa. I have known the good Joe Tenin for many years, Ben Field has written him up on various occasions for his work in the Farmers' Union.

As the Nazis came to take the hostages away, Dr. Tenin shouted at them: "Shame! As a French officer I am proud to die for France! But why do you murder this young boy? That isn't war!"

The boy, Guy Moquet, a happy youngster whom everyone in the prison loved, drew himself up proudly and said: "Stop, Tenin! I am a Communist, too. I can die as bravely as you!"

### *No Setting Back Of History's Clock*

He is now the saint of the Young Communists of France. His charming face of a brave, promising youth appears on their posters and placards in all the



parades. So there is a Metro station named for him, also.

There is one named after Colonel Fabien, the Communist machinist who became commander of the Partisan forces that liberated Paris. Fabien was killed in the last days of the fighting. Anatole France, that elegant and witty satirist who carried a Communist Party membership card for the last years of his life, has a subway station. So has Louise Michel, heroine of the Paris Commune, and August Blanqui, the Communist of 1848; as well as Emile Zola, Victor Hugo, Voltaire, Pasteur and Diderot. There are stations at Place de la Bastille and Place de la Convention.

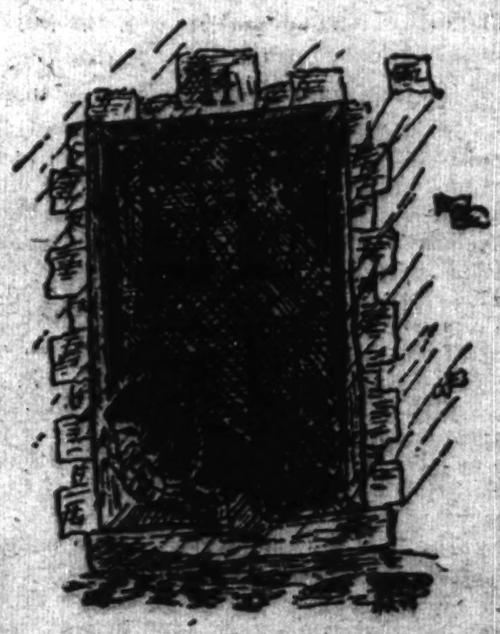
In Paris, the Nazis tore down many statues of the heroes of French history. But they could never tear out the feeling for their city and patrie from the hearts of Parisians. Hitler believed he could set the human clock back to the period before the Enlightenment and the French Revolution. But the clock moved forward, instead, and crushed him.

The history of the French people's Revolution had a glorious page added to it. In every part of Paris you who will find hundreds of tablets set into the sides of buildings, at places where Parisians were killed while fighting the Nazis.

"Here fell a French patriot, Jacques Dupont, student, 18 years old, shot by the Nazis," is the usual type of inscription.

"Paul Legrand, 25 years old, metal worker, fell at this spot while fighting for the liberation of Paris."

Underneath the tablets are placed cups to hold flowers. Roses, lilies and other blooms are placed here on the holidays by the people of Paris. The average American tourist, I repeat, never sees the record, though it is under his eyes everywhere. I will tell you about this tourist in our next week's tour of Paris.



## TELEVISION—BANE OF BOON?

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a "war" against television—and proposed instead an alliance.

Well, what are the implications of a TV-film-radio cultural collossus, operating under a Big Business government? This is thought-control with a vengeance. And the question could well be asked: what chance has the so-called "independent mind" against a lineup like that? And if you want to, you can throw in the influence of the church, the press and the educational system for good measure.

In a recent article in Elementary English (January, 1950), a University of Illinois professor, Dallas Smythe, pointed out:

"The privilege of producing TV for the 38 million American families will be largely concentrated in the hands of those able to make profitable use of the four national networks on which individual TV stations will be forced by the economics of their operations to depend for the bulk of their program.'

Pointing to the fact that aural radio "served the fascist revolution in Nazi Germany and in Italy," Smythe raises the question, "What kind of a world will be born through the mid-wifery of our new and more powerful communications tools?"

The fact is that television itself is no ogre. And no solution lies in smashing TV sets—as the misguided British Luddites of early capitalism smashed the machines.

Television performs a progressive and educational function in the Soviet Union. And no one who sees television can fail to be impressed with its constructive possibilities in proper hands—in the people's hands. Instructive and enlightening programs can take the place of jingoism, racism, stultification and filth.

## WHO WILL SAVE THE PEACE?

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is a weapon of aggression. Whoever attempts to come out against our movement, whoever attempts to prevent plain people from raising their voices, by so doing gives himself away by so doing says: "I am the aggressor of tomorrow."

At the time of the Nuremburg Trial one of the accused said: "We could not foresee that it would end precisely in this way. . . ." The people who drenched Europe in blood did not foresee that they would land in the docks. Perhaps it will be in order for us to warn those who want to destroy culture, life and the future by means of the atomic bomb, that they will most surely meet their end sitting in the dock and not on the throne of world rulers.

Perhaps it will be in order to declare for all to hear that States, rulers and military men who dared to use the atomic weapon for their aggressive purposes, would be proclaimed criminals and would end their lives shamefully and terribly as murderers of humanity.

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*(This is the text of the speech delivered on March 17 by Ilya Ehrenburg, member of the delegation of the Soviet Peace Committee, at the session of the Permanent Committee of the World Peace Congress, in Stockholm.)*

# Comradely Yours

By Peggy Dennis

**A CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS** for every child, woman and man—that is truly the hope of mothers and fathers the world over.

But it seems that the American representatives in the UN agree to speak only in general terms of political and civil rights, and are vehemently opposed to the Soviet view that a Human Rights Charter can have real meaning only when the economic and social rights of the peoples are also guaranteed.

We agree with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the USA delegate to the UN Commission on Human Rights, that this "points up a very significant difference between Communism and democracy" (read: capitalism).

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**THE SOVIET MAN AND WOMAN** is guaranteed by law the right to a job, to social security (medical, disability, old age), to all levels of education, and to leisure (vacations with pay). Soviet women, in addition, are guaranteed special maternity and child care services. Three-fourths of the entire Soviet national income is used for the economic, social and cultural needs of the people. The remaining one-fourth is used for production expansion of the state-owned enterprises. Because there are no class conflict of interests, the Soviet people have economic and social security, and full political and civil rights.

The USA, although the richest country in the world, cannot guarantee its people any of these things, for the simple reason that here the prime motivator is the drive for profits—not human welfare; and political and civil rights of the people are curbed when these conflict with the property interests of Big Business.

To the more than five million unemployed, to the low-incomed millions, to the children, the youth and the aged—the millionaire Eisenhowers cynically say: if you want security, go to jail. And the Mrs. Roosevelts seek to counter-balance political and civil rights against economic and social rights.

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**MRS. ROOSEVELT** has claimed that the political and civil freedoms the USA advocates for other countries are "the many rights which we in this country have long taken for granted."

But the peoples to whom the USA would so bountifully export these "rights" may embarrass the American delegate with questions about:

- The banning of the internationally-loved Paul Robeson from her own radio program—and her silence at this act;
- The life imprisonment of the Negro mother, Rosa Lee Ingram, and her two young sons—and Mrs. FDR's attitude to the Free Mrs. Ingram Petition which lies in the files of the UN Commission on Human Rights;
- The pending imprisonment of Eugene Dennis for challenging the illegal witchhunts of an Un-American Committee which President FDR had characterized as "sordid";
- The firing of teachers, professors and scientists for exercising some of those very freedoms Mrs. FDR would export abroad;
- The loyalty oaths and witchhunts that threaten the livelihood, and very physical liberty, of every American these days;
- The thought-control Mundt Bill that is in danger of becoming the law of the land—and about which Mrs. FDR is silent;
- And, above all, the Foley Square conviction of 11 Communist leaders, which is direct violation of those constitutional freedoms and rights which "we in this country have long taken for granted"—and Mrs. FDR's public approval of that conviction.

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**WHILE AMERICAN SPOKESMEN** glibly weep crocodile tears for the "rights" of the peoples abroad, the American people here at home are confronted with the urgent need to unitedly defend our own Human Rights Charter—the American Bill of Rights—from the pro-fascist Mundt Bill attacks. And, coupled with this, only a militant defense of the economic needs of our families and children will guarantee to us even the minimum standards of a decent life—in a land of plenty.

# WOMAN TODAY

## Child Welfare Seen as a Bread and Butter Problem

By JEAN WILLIAMS

The Mid-Century Conference on Children and Youth called by the White House and sponsored by President Truman is scheduled for sometime in December. The theme of this Conference is: The Mental, Emotional and Spiritual Need of the Child. Its purpose is to "spread mental health knowledge in homes and communities."

But working class parents and conscientious child-care workers are keenly aware that the mental, emotional and spiritual well-being of children is closely tied up with their physical well-being and adequate living standards.

The national Bread and Butter Conference now in session at Chicago, Illinois, is answering President Truman's question "Are we the richest nation in the world doing all we should for our children?" with facts dealing with the bread and butter problems of our children.

There are the "door-key" children of working mothers who are not provided with after-school care. There are the pre-school children who have been forced out of closed-down nurseries, and who are left with neighbors or relatives while a distraught mother is compelled to work.

**THERE ARE THE** migratory child-laborers in the fruit-picking valleys and cotton fields whose schooldays are determined by the "season." There are the children who come breakfastless to school, and whose lunchboxes contain dry bread. There are the Negro children from the segregated ghettos and rat-infested tenement homes.

It is of these thousands of children that she speaks when Mrs. Helen Wortis, chairman of the child care commission of the Congress of American Women, says: "Children in this country have so much more pressing needs, that mental health can not be discussed without discussing the ways and means to give our children the bare essentials of good food, good housing, and adequate supervised care."

It is the aim of the Bread and Butter Conference—made up of parents, representatives from trade unions, the Progressive Party, fraternal organizations, consumers and tenants groups, and professional people trained in the sphere of child care—to draw up a program to present to the White House Conference in December.

Between now and December, however, it is planned that this program be carried into the communities, into the parent groups, into the unions and shops. Mothers and fathers know what their children need. By the widest and united activity parents throughout the country can bring to the White House Conference the voice of America speaking out for the rights of the children of America.

**Child Care centers supported by federal funds.**

**Recreation centers, vocational and job training for youth, federally supported.**

**Use of surplus foods for children.**

**Raising of relief standards.**

**Adequate social security grants to unemployed.**

**Increased aid to dependent children.**

**Family allowances to aid all children.**

These are some of the issues which the Bread and Butter Conference is tackling right now in Chicago.

From here on in, it will be up to all of us to work to secure these minimum rights for our children.

## This Is America

**THIS IS AMERICA** — the richest country in the world. In 1948 the incomes of the U.S.A. was $208,000,000,000.

The 1948 census shows there are over 88,000,000 families in the U.S.A.

- **Four million** of these families received less than $1,000 that year.
- **Another five and a half million families** received less than $2,000.
- That means: **10,000,000 families** (which include 32,000,000 persons) received less than $2,000 in 1948. **One-fifth of the entire nation's children are in these families.**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics has found that a minimum budget for a family of four requires at least a $3,400 yearly income.

**AND DID YOU KNOW THAT:**

- Of the nearly 7,000,000 married women working, more than half of them are heads of their families (the majority of them are widows). Their income for the year averaged a little over $2,100.
- Over 4,000,000 mothers are working outside the home—one-fourth of them have children under five years of age.
- Of the 10,000,000 low-income families, 800,000 of them are Negro families.
- Over one-half of the Negro women are working outside the home.

### In Peron Prisons . . .

**FROM ARGENTINA, A. Violetta De Gonzalez Alberdi, wife of the editor of the Communist newspaper LA HORA, in Buenos Aires, appeals to American women to protest the arrest of her husband and two other editors more than three months ago. "They have not been allowed to select or see a lawyer. They are forbidden newspapers and visitors."**

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### . . . and in Franco's

**LEST WE FORGET:** There are over twenty thousand women political prisoners in the fascist prisons of Franco Spain. At the Malaga prison, over 500 women with more than 100 children — the majority of whom have no other memories than prison life!—are victims of permanent colitis, tuberculosis, running skin sores.

# Lowenfels Interviewed

**(Much criticism has been expressed in recent weeks at the content and tone of three articles in THE WORKER Magazine dealing with the "poor male" in the Lowenfels household of four daughters and wife. We give here an interview of a group of WORKER readers with Walter Lowenfels, managing editor of the Philadelphia Edition of THE WORKER).**

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"I am in the process of re-examining those three recent articles of mine in The Worker Magazine."

"I agree with you that they smuggled into our pages, wrapped in a package of false 'humor,' an incorrect, offensive and belittling attitude about women. The total impact of these pieces was essentially an attack on women, a mockery of their problems and a caricature of Marxism."

"First," Lowenfels continued, "there was my Christmas story about clothes, while the 'hero' stood aloof and superior until his clothes problem was solved by Santa Claus.

"When readers objected, my flippant and arrogant note in the letter column evaded the central question. My third piece about the purchase of a washing machine was put forward as 'self-criticism' and 'corrective.' In reality it carried the original error still further."

**AN INDUSTRIAL WORKER**, the only other man present at this group interview, spoke up: "I am angry with myself that on the first reading I did not resent the articles. I was taken in by what seemed to be the humor. But I know that our humor should be directed against the ruling class, not against our own people."

One of the women industrial workers present offered: "I was just thinking of one of my friends who has five small children; she does the entire wash for a family of eight in a small kitchen basin of her two-room apartment. How flippant to talk about using a washing machine as an ashtray—when the very possession of such a machine is a working class housewife's dream—and might add 10 years to her life."

When asked how he came to write that type of articles, Lowenfels answered frankly:

"I am still trying to get at the root of the matter. Some reasons were under-estimation of the woman question, a failure to give any serious consideration to the complex problems involved."

"So what's to be done now? I would say that self-correction from now on is not a question just of words. It is a question of participation in the struggle for a correct position and understanding of the specific problems of women and the road to their solution."

# Fashions Abroad

PARIS.—The salons of Paris are crowded with big firm buyers from some of the world's largest dress factories. They are deciding what style-tune the so-called woman of fashion will wear this spring and summer.

For the first time in years, a number of German dress firms are in Paris buying French originals with American Marshall Plan dollars given them for that purpose.

While Paris "originals" bring from $200 to over $4,000, the model earns about $85 a month.

A "political awareness" of world events in the Paris fashion salons is indicated by the introduction of two new "cold war" spring colors: "angry red" and "fear green."

MOSCOW. — Hundreds of fashion artists have designed the new styles for spring and summer which have been aproved by the Arts Council. This Council includes painters, stage designers, women scientists, workers and sportswomen.

Artists visited shops where they studied the demand of customers. Conferences were held in factories and fashion-houses at which Soviet women of various professions expressed their views and wishes to the clothing industry.

# JUST FOR US

## THE WATER-HORSE




By VITAL BIANCHI

(From his **Tales of an Old Siberian Trapper,** published by Colonial House in 1946. Reprinted with the permission of Helen Black.)

ON A WIDE, wide Siberian river one day, an old man was pulling up his nets full of fish. His grandson was with him, helping.

They filled their boat with fish, threw out the nets again, and headed for the shore. The old man rowed and his grandson sat at the stern, steering with an oar and looking ahead.

Suddenly he noticed something in the water. It looked like the roots of a dead tree; no, more like a log with two big wings, like an eagle's, only they seemed to be made of stone. The thing was swimming along and snorting loudly.

The boy was frightened, and called out:

"Grandad, Grandad! Something terrible is swimming along over there, and it keeps snorting!"

The old man turned around, shaded his eyes with his hand, took a long look and said:

"That's an animal swimming." scared.

The grandson was even more

"Row faster, Grandad! Let's get away from him!"

But the old man said quietly:

"That's a land animal; he can't harm us in the water. Watch, I'm going to harness him."

He began rowing to head off the animal.

They came closer and closer; now the boy could make out that it wasn't a strange log at all but a large head with a humped nose and two wide-bladed antlers, spread like wings. It was the head of an old bull moose. He was bigger than a horse, and very strong — stronger than a bear, even.

The boy felt very scared indeed. He picked up a hunting spear from the bottom of the boat and held it out to the old man.

"Take this, Grandad," he cried, "and strike hard!"

But the old man wouldn't take the spear. Instead, he picked up two coils of rope.

He lassoed a rope around each of the beast's antlers. Then he fastened the end to the boat.

The bull moose snorted frightfully, shook his head, and his eyes grew bloodshot. But he was powerless to do anything; it was too deep there, his legs threshed under water without touching the bottom, and he couldn't brace himself on solid ground to tear those ropes apart.

The beast swam along, towing the boat behind him.

"Now, you see," said the old man, "there's a fine water-horse for us. He'll take us in to shore. If I had killed him with the spear, you and I would have had to drag him home, and that would have been tiring work."

That was true. The great beast weighed more than the boat with the old man and the boy, and all their fish put together.

The bull moose snorted and kept on swimming strongly, heading for the shore. The old man was guiding him with the ropes, as though with a pair of reins. He pulled the right rope, and the beast would go to the right; he pulled the left rope, and the beast would go to the left. The boy had forgotten his fear. He felt happy now that they had such a wonderful water-horse to tow them along.

The old man and the boy sailed along happily. The shore was close now; they could see their cabin.

"Well," said the old man, "hand me the spear. It's time to kill the beast. He served us well in harness, but now he'll make a fine store of meat for us — good moose meat."

But the grandson pleaded with him.

"Just a little longer, Grandad. Let him tow us a little bit further. It isn't often that we have a chance to enjoy a ride with a water-horse to tow us!"

So they kept on a bit longer. Then the old man raised his spear again, but his grandson pleaded:

"Wait a bit, Grandad. We've plenty of time to do it. Tonight we'll have a good supper of moose



steak, but before supper let's enjoy this ride as much as possible!"

The shore was already very close.

"It's time now," said the old man. "We've had enough fun."

He raised his spear.

The boy caught hold of it and wouldn't let him kill the beast.

"Wait a bit, Grandad, just a little bit more!"

But at that moment, the moose felt his feet touch ground. His great powerful neck, his humped back, his enormous sides rose rapidly out of the water. The old bull emerged to his full giant height, then braced his feet in the sand and gave a mighty tug. . . .

Both ropes snapped. The boat hit the rocks. Crash!

The old man and the boy found themselves floundering in the water up to their waists.

Only broken pieces of wood from the boat floated around them.

The boat was gone. The fish were gone. And their store of moose meat had run away into the forest!

## Riddles

1. A man who could and did talk bought a pet parrot which was guaranteed to repeat every word it heard, yet it never uttered a syllable. How could this be possible?

2. Why would most women rather wash a mirror than a window of the same size, assuming both are just as easy to get at?

3. How long will an eight-day alarm clock run without winding?

4. What is it that you can always kick with your left foot, but not with your right?

5. In what sport does only the winning team travel backwards?

ANSWERS

1. The parrot was deaf.
2. A mirror has only one side.
3. It won't run at all without winding.
4. Your right ankle.
5. Tug-of-war.

## Mail

We get the Worker every day. Today when I looked at the paper I liked the poem about the rubber ball.

I read it to my little brother. He said what a funny ball it was.

We read Just For Us every week. I wish you would put more jokes on our page. Here is some you may use.

Did you hear the cracking noise this morning at five? Answer: It was day breaking.

What has eyes and can't see, souls and can't pray, and a tongue and can't speak? Answer: A shoe.

Yours Truly,
GWENTA SMITH, Age 8,
Grade 3B, Philadelphia.

## Filler Inners

**ANNE KATZ, Age 8, Bronx, N. Y.**

Job like best . . . ironing.
Job hate worst . . . to go to bed.
Time of year like best . . . summer.
Why? . . . because I like to take showers outside.
When I grow up I want to be a . . . dancer.
(I am one of a twin. My sister is Vivian Katz.)

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**VIVIAN KATZ, Age 8, Bronx, N.Y.**

Job like best . . . vacuuming.
Job hate worst . . . putting away my clothes and toys.
Time of year like best . . . Christmas.
Why? . . . because my birthday is near then.
When I grow up I want to be an . . . actress.
(I read the paper every week and I like the doll cut-outs.)

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**JOANNE, Age 8, Brooklyn, N. Y.**

Job like best . . . dusting.
Job hate worst . . . making beds.
Time of year like best . . . three months from Spring.
Why? . . . vacation time.
When I grow up I want to be a . . . dancer and a housewife and a mother.

## A Different Language

I met a little girl
Who came from another land
I couldn't speak her language
But I took her by the hand.
We danced together,
Had such fun,
Dancing is a language
You can speak with anyone.

EDITH SEGAL.

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## Picket Line to 'Greet' Videla

**On Monday Chile's tyrant president will be the guest of Mayor O'Dwyer. At 12 noon a picket line in front of New York's City Hall will protest President Gonzales Videla's terror against the people of Chile and his exiling of Pablo Neruda.**

**See Pablo Neruda's Open Letter to the People of the United States, Page 7.**

# WHAT WAS PLANE DOING OVER USSR?

— See Page 3 —

## Where Do You Stand, Senator Ives?

Senator Ives:

Your New York colleague in the U. S. Senate, Herbert H. Lehman, has already spoken up in opposition to the infamous Mundt-Nixon Bill. But you have thus far remained silent.

In your own words, you are a loyal Republican. In the New York State Assembly, you were the chief spokesman of your party for many years.

Yet even you have been charged by your associates and friends with being a "Communist," or with aiding the "Communist cause." In at least one point of your career as a leader of the State Legislature, you would have had to hesitate in your course for fear of prosecution under the Mundt-Nixon Bill, if that bill had been law at the time.

We refer to the battle for a state FEPC in 1945. Recall how in the course of bucking other leaders of your party, who wanted to scuttle the measure, as well as numerous state bigwigs with whom you were intimate, you complained repeatedly, and bitterly, that you were being charged with being a Communist. This may appear absurd today, but it was deadly serious at the time.



SEN. IVES

Recall, too, how the state FEPC proposal was branded a step toward "totalitarian dictatorship dictated by Moscow," just as the federal FEPC program is being branded today. And the Mundt-Nixon Bill says specifically that any action which "contributes" toward such a "dictatorship" is a crime.

In that great struggle you had to depend on the public opinion organized by progressive and leftwing organizations which the Mundt-Nixon Bill would outlaw. Today, these Negro, Jewish and labor groups firmly condemn the Mundt-Nixon Bill. They know it would make their fight for progressive laws impossible.

Where do you stand today, Sen. Ives, in this fight to preserve America's political liberties?

## The Story of Jewish DPs in New York

—See Joseph North's 'Sidewalks of New York' on Page 5

# Anti-Semitic Sheets Get Big Coca Cola Ads

**Americans who put down their nickels for the "pause that refreshes" may unwittingly be helping to "refresh" the treasury of an anti-Semitic Ku Klux Klan hate-sheet. For, according to the publication, Opinion, A Journal of Jewish Life and Letters, two Ku Klux-ish papers, papers, Parson Jack and Johnson's Georgia Tribune are being supported by national advertising from the Coca-Cola Co.**

The Klan is violently anti-Catholic, as is well known; and Coca-Cola boss James A. Farley is probably the most prominent Catholic layman in America.

But both Farley and the Klan are notoriously pro-fascist and anti-Communist.

And, declares Joseph Brainin in Opinion (in his article, A Call To Action; The Rebirth of Oraganized Anti-Semitism work in America):

"... the Klan has also intensified its anti-Semitic work in accordance with the Merwin K. Hart formula of indentifying Jews with Communists."

**HART**, the head of the pro-fascist National Economic Council, claims to have discovered "atomic anti-Semitism", according to Brainin. For "why revive the dusty, discredited legend of the "Elders of Zion", when one can make the absurd story of a Zionist-Communist alliance palatable to big business?"

"Never before (except possibly at the very height of the Hitler regime)" declared Brainin, "has so much money been spent in America for the production and distribution of literature directed against the Jews."

"Over $1,000,000 was collected by the leading bigots in a 12-month period," the annual survey of race prejudice made public by the Anti-Defamation League last week disclosed.

Merwin Hart's outfit got "at least $140,000" in 1949, the League reported; Gerald L. K. Smith "more than $150,000"; Gerald Winrod, "about $100,000"; Upton Close, $50,000; Joseph P. Kamp, $50,000 and Allan Zoll, former fund-raiser for both Hart and Kamp, $40,000.

"Fifty-seven anti-Semitic organizations were active in 1949", according to the League.

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**WARNING AGAINST** "indifference" being shown by Jewish organizations and the concentration of "virtually" all attention on the new state of Israel, Brainin explains that people must not be lulled because:

"In the past few years anti-Jewish feeling has no longer manifested itself through the relatively petty means of physical violence or destruction of property (the short-range anti-Semitic policy), but has entered the psuedo-respectable phase of natonwide 'education' (the long-rang policy of anti-Semitism)."

The Peekskill riots of last summer, Brainin says, marked a return to this "short-range policy."

Financing this "education" in fascist anti-Semitism, by contributions to Hart's organization, Brainin declares, is a roster of major corporations and prominent individuals, including Lammot duPont; Union Carbide; Gulf Oil; Empire State Building Corp.; American Cyanid; Mohawk Carpet Mills; ex-Senator Albert Hawkes and John J. Raskob.

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**THE WALL STREETERS** pay for the dissemination of such poison as the following excerpts from Hart's news-letter:

"The fact is that Zionists and Communist influence (at times the one is stronger, at times the other—frequently they work together) has dictated and controlled practically all moves of American foreign policy since 1933". Substituting the name "Zionist" for "Jew", Hart goes on to say that "these forces dictated the setting up of the UNRA under tho control, first of Zionist Herbert H. Lehman and second, of Zionist LaGuardia."

Brainin lists many other anti-Semitic hate sheets. Rapping the "irresponsible action" of the leaders of the American Jewish Committee and others who participated along with Hart and other anti-Semites in the "All-America Conference to Fight Communism" last January he called for "unity" and "vigilant and militant defense" to stem the "rising tide of anti-Jewish feeling."



ASKS RIGHT OF ASYLUM: Mrs. Eleanor Wheeler joins with her husband in asking Czechoslovakia to grant them a haven. George S. Wheeler (left) and Jiri Hronek, secretary of the International Organization of Journalists, pictured last week in Prague.

# Americans to Stay In Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE.—Two years ago an American journalist and economist came here to study. Now he asks that the Czechoslovak government grant him and his family a haven here as a political refugee. He is youngish looking 42-year-old George S. Wheeler of Rollingway, Wash., wartime economist in the U. S. War Department, postwar head of the denaxification branch and policy chief for the labor office in the American Zone of Germany.

In announcing his decision to a meeting of journalists here he said: "I came to know Czechoslovakia well. I became acquainted with her people, her endeavors and her constructive efforts . . . and I also got to know real democracy.

"Today I am casting up accounts—comparing an America of Wall Street, Truman and Acheson, warmongers and atomic gangsters with the earnest efforts of Czechoslovakia to strengthen the peace front. . . . I declare before the world that I condemn and repudiate the war policy of American imperialism. I want to have nothing in common with the Gestapo methods of American policy. . . . I place myself proudly in the camp of peace and progress. I ask the Czechoslovak government to grant asylum to me and to my family and to give me the possibility of offering our training and knowledge to the world fight for peace."

# this is capitalism

## War's a Blessing to Capitalism

BOSTON.—When Communists and others says that capitalism needs and incites wars, they are reviled as "foreign agents." But Boston Globe business columnist T.G.M. admits: "War, of course, is the great alleviative to any economic problem with its astronomical consumption of goods while at the same time it draws manpower heavily away from the labor force."

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## Who Gets Rooked on Taxes? Right!

DETROIT.—Chrysler, Ford, Hudson, Kaiser-Frazer, Burroughs Adding Machine and other industrial giants got millions in tax cuts courtesy of the city treasurer. Chrysler got an $18,481,600 cut in personal property assessment, saving $700,000 in taxes. The Michigan edition of The Worker, which owns all of five battered typewriters and some old desks, got a tax increase!

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## Not His Fault, But He Has to Pay

LOCKHART, Texas.—William Hagedorn, 77-year-old farmer, has to pay $3,126.84 plus costs as "damages" to a couple whose car went off the road near his farm to avoid hitting a mule. But the mule wasn't Hagedorn's, and the first court which held the old man responsible, on the plaintiff's say-so, never even notified Hagedorn to appear. The Texas Supreme Court finally ruled that the mule wasn't Hagedorn's all right, but he'd have to pay the $3,126.84 plus, anyhow, because he hadn't been "diligent in protecting his rights." The sum is far more than foreign-born Hagedorn has saved all his life. Ain't capitalist justice wonderful?

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## Sinclair Oil's Biggest Take

NEW YORK.—The Sinclair Oil Corp. has announced a net profit for 1949 of $54,073,338, after first deducting $5,000,000 for "possible losses in foreign exploratory operations." The take marked the company's second highest in its history.

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## 32 Living in One Room

DENVER.—A Denver census-taker found 32 persons living in one tiny five-room house, toolshed and garage. The household included a railroad laborer, his wife, 11 unmarried children, five married daughters, their husbands and nine grandchildren.

# Children, Above All, Loved Woodson

## MAN WHO PIONEERED STUDY OF NEGRO HISTORY INSPIRED MILLIONS

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON.—Of all the honors he ever won, Dr. Carter Woodson cherished most the home made scroll presented him by some Washington school children, his friends.

For Dr. Woodson, the son of former slaves, coal miner, teacher, author, and one of the all time great historians in the land, cherished children as much as they loved him.

They surrounded him, bowing and shouting, whenever he walked the streets around his office in the vast jimcrow ghetto of the capital city. He sought their company, filling them with stories of the Negro love he had accumulated in his mind and books for 40 years.

Mainly through his tireless work over those years, he inculcated his love for history, his burning desire to search out the truth about his people, into the minds of his children. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, followed him. They became diggers for the truth in the life and history of the Negro people.

When he died in his small apartment over his office on April 3, the world lost a gentle giant, a modern day John Henry and Paul Bunyon.

Almost singlehandedly, this straight-backed, strong-faced man resurrected his people's lost history, the buried legends of their struggles for freedom.

He was filled with a purpose as great as the strength of the two legendary giants. With his quick, retentive, orderly mind he plowed up the neglected facts about his people's history and set out their contributions to the world for the world to see and to use against those who would enslave Negroes and other peoples.

His genius as an organizer guided the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. And as its director he founded the authoritative Journal of Negro History, for historians and researchers, and later the Negro History Bulletin, for school children and teachers.

As an author, he was prolific. He produced eight books, hundreds of articles, several surveys, and for the last six years had been writing a six volume Encyclopedia Africana.

When he found that few publishers would print his books, or other books about the Negro people, he founded the Associated Publishers "to make possible the publication and circulation of valuable books on the Negro not acceptable to most publishers."

He learned early that the rich money grubbing class had no use for his efforts to develop historical research and bring its results to the people.

The wealthy tried to wreck his campaign. But the working people rallied to his support—in the heart of the depression. The Association has been financially stable since then.

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Largely through his efforts, the nation today celebrates Negro History Week every February. He organized the campaign to dramatize the achievements of the Negro people. Later he said, the creation of that week "exposed the bias in textbooks, bared the prejudice of teachers, and compelled" treating the Negro people in history as other people are treated.

Dr. Woodson would have been 75 on Dec. 19. For 40 years of his life he dug in the rich veins of history just as he dug coal in Fayette county, West Virginia to earn enough money to go to high school.

These years in the pits, and his earlier years on a Virginia farm helping his parents, tied him to the working class. He never lost those ties. They could not be cut, no matter how vicious the attacks against him were. And they were vicious in 1919 when he maintained sympathy for the Russian working people and their goal of Socialism. In recent years, he still insisted that the drive of oppressed people throughout the world toward Socialism was just, necessary—and inevitable. He saw it coming in China and Africa and was glad.



DR. CARTER WOODSON

# 'America's Only Defense Is Peace'

## Great Chicago Parley Will Urge Washington Seek U. S.-USSR Understanding

A broad cross-section of the American people will be represented in Chicago, May 29-31, when the historic Mid-Century Conference for Peace convenes.

The theme of the great parley is centered in two of the prominently-featured statements in the call: "Our Only Defense Is Peace" and, "We Affirm That Peace Is Possible."

Warning that the hydrogen bomb threatens "world destruction," and rejecting the philosophy of "those who say war is inevitable," the conference call emphasizes:

"No difference between nations can be so great that mutual annihilation is the only answer. We insist that the peaceful coexistence of the American and Soviet social systems is possible."

To this end, the sponsors of the Mid-Century Conference for Peace urge: "Let us transcend differences of faith, creed, race, political belief and occupation and unite in a Great Crusade for Peace."



Indicative of the broad nature of the peace gathering, the initiating sponsors include such persons as: The Rev. Mark A. Dawber, former executive secretary, Home Missions Council of North America; Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, president, Morehouse College, Atlanta; Donald L. Mathews, president, Student Cabinet, Union Theological Seminary, New York; Miss Emily Greene Balch, honorary chairman, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; 1946 Nobel Peace Prize-Winner; Rev. John B. Thompson, dean, Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, University of Chicago; Prof. Robert J. Havinghurst, University of Chicago; Dr. P. O. Sorokin, chairman, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, and Rev. H. E. Luccock, Yale University Divinity School.

Attendance at the peace conference, the sponsors declare, "is open to all who are concerned with the problem of peace in today's world." Attendance may be either by individuals or representatives of organizations. The offices of the Mid-Century Conference For Peace are at 158 W. 56th St., New York 19.

# What Was B29 Doing Over USSR?

By Joseph Clark

Can the cold war drag us into an atomic war? The flight of a U. S. bomber-reconaissance plane over Soviet territory last week revealed the terrible dangers created by the promoters of "total diplomacy." Scare headlines in the press deliberately tried to use the incident to create a war hysteria.

Given the facts, however, the American people will see what's at the bottom of the incident and they can learn volumes about the present situation. So let's see how the story unfolded.

On Tuesday, April 11, Soviet Foreign Andrei Vishinski handed a protest to American Ambassador in Moscow, Alan Kirk, charging that a four-engine U. S. military plane flew thirteen miles into Soviet territory Saturday, April 8. The note said that Soviet fighter planes stationed near the Soviet Latvian city of Lepaya rose to intercept and signalled the plane to land. Instead, the Soviet note goes on, the bomber opened fire—the Soviet fighter planes returned the fire and the U. S. plane turned back toward the open sea.

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**AN ANSWER** to these charges soon came from Washington, specifically from the Navy Department. Their story was that a four engine Naval Privateer had been lost after a "routine" flight from Wiesbaden, Germany to Copenhagen, Denmark. They implied that the plane must have gotten lost, that it was unarmed, and this was the plane which the Russians fired on over their territory.

**But this story hit a snag as soon as it was released. If the plane was flying to Copenhagen, how did it end up 350 miles away? Did it just go off its course? If so, it went at a 90 degree angle from its destination. It's like going to Boston and ending up in Miami. And the plane had to cross the entire breadth of the Baltic Sea to get to Russia.**

The Navy alibi was shattered beyond recognition by the New York Times on Wednesday. In a cable from Frankfurt, Germany, the Times reported:

**"Privately, it is taken for granted in Air Force circles that the plane in question was the missing Privateer, a craft completely equipped with reconaissance radar and aerial photographic equipment."**

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**THE SAME STORY** points out that this plane reported by radio on Saturday that it was over Bremerhaven on its way to Copenhagen. So the Times dispatch continues:

"Navy and Air Force officials here feel that it was possible that a complete breakdown of the plane's electrical system might have caused it to drift off course into Latvia. Aerial navigators, however, point out that if the plane were over Bremerhaven at one time it would take a navigational error of nearly 90 degrees to cause the craft accidentally to wander over the Baltic States.

"THIS IS A THOROUGHLY IMPLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION, FOR EVEN IF THE PLANE'S RADIO COMPASSES AND RADAR EQUIPMENT WERE INOPERATIVE, ORDINARY MAGNETIC COMPASSES WOULD STILL FUNCTION AND GIVE A FAIRLY EXACT DIRECTION.

"It is pointed out here that the Baltic coast, with its reported extensive rocket launching bases, is an interesting locale for aerial observation."

Can you imagine how the press here would react if a Soviet military plane flew over New York, or Newport News, or Baltimore?

For that matter, the U. S. plane, whether Army or Navy, was not only 350 miles off course at a 90 degree angle. It was 4,500 miles off its course! After all, are we going to ask the Soviet Union what it's doing in the Baltic? Or are we going to ask the irresponsible promoters of the cold war what they are doing maneuvering in the Baltic, 4,500 miles from the U. S. and immediately off and over the Soviet Union?




Arrows (1) and (2) show point of departure and supposed destination of the U. S. plane along dotted line. Arrow (3) shows where it was intercepted.

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**THE AUTHORS** of the cold war murdered the 10 or 20 Americans who are reported dead aboard the U. S. military plane. And here is evidence that they won't halt at the murder of tens of millions in an atomic war. Only a few days ago, C. D. Jackson, publisher of the Fortune magazine, told a Los Angeles audience:

**"The consideration should not be 'Will it provoke war.' The consideration should be can the mission be safely accomplished, is the operation worth the while of a virile nation."**

Ask the widows and mothers of the Air Force men about such a "consideration." And, more important, ask the American people whether they'll let these irresponsibles drag us into an atomic war. Ask them and the possibilities of halting the warmakers will become plain. The demand for negotiations with the Soviet Union, not threats and shooting and aerial reconaissance, can defend America's security, and save the peace of the world.

## it's the Bunk

### The Times Tells a Whopper

NEW YORK TIMES: **"Turkey Again Is Advancing Toward Western Democracy,"** the **Times** headlines. **BUNK,** because the Times' own C. L. Sulzberger writes from Ankara Marshallized Turkey "has not achieved any broad rise in the standard of living"; it "refuses" workers "the right to strike"; "the army has been allowed too great a voice in primarily civilian economic decisions"; "some political trials are still held in secret" and illiteracy is "estimated at 75 percent."

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### Here's One From the Congress

REP. DEWEY SHORT: "You have to be pretty good to get into this body. You have to be damn good to stay in it," the Missouri Republican says in celebrating his 17th year in Congress. **BUNK,** because crooks like Parnell Thomas, racist scum like Rankin and pro-fascists like Mundt, Nixon and Short himself infest Congress.

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### What's True About Seamen's Union

PAUL HALL: The Communist Party is the group most interested in smashing the maritime union hiring hall because it wants to "continue the program of fomenting disorder and chaos in the shipping industry," says one of the bosses of the AFL Seafarers' Union. **BUNK,** because Communists played a leading role in winning democratic rotary hiring for all seamen regardless of race, and Communists are now fighting to save the hiring hall. **BUNK,** too, because Hall's own union is run with such vicious jimcrow that the U. S. government officially condemned it for sabotaging the war against the Axis.

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### Who's Serving Whom?

HAROLD L. ICKES: Sen. McCarthy's "is the raucous voice of a Goebbels. The master liar of Germany never served Hitler to better effect than McCarthy is now serving the Communists." **BUNK,** because Ickes knows McCarthy wants war and fascism and that the Communists oppose a new war, fascism and the McCarthy witchhunt. It's not McCarthy who is serving the Communists but Ickes who is serving the McCarthys, when he waters down his objection to the red-baiters by echoing their red-baiting.

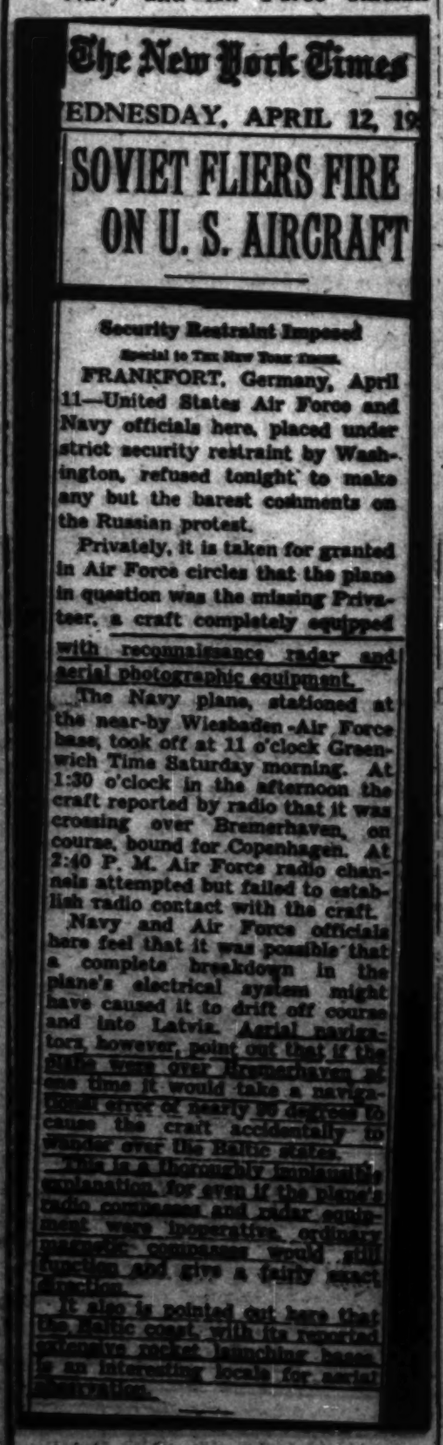
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### HoHusing Short? No! You're Wasteful

HENRY HAZLITT: "Statistics do not indicate a real overall housing shortage," the Newsweek Magazine economist writes. "Rent control itself has brought about the APPEARANCE of a housing shortage. For it encourages tenants already in possession to use space wastefully at low rents." **BUNK,** because in New York alone people require housing, and because it was the acute housing shortage which brought about rent controls.—R. F.

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(If you come across anything that's "BUNK, because," please send it in).



The New York Times

EDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 19

SOVIET FLIERS FIRE ON U. S. AIRCRAFT

Security Restraint Imposed

Special to The New York Times.

FRANKFORT, Germany, April 11—United States Air Force and Navy officials here, placed under strict security restraint by Washington, refused tonight to make any but the barest comments on the Russian protest.

Privately, it is taken for granted in Air Force circles that the plane in question was the missing Privateer, a craft completely equipped with reconnaissance radar and aerial photographic equipment.

The Navy plane, stationed at the near-by Wiesbaden Air Force base, took off at 11 o'clock Greenwich Time Saturday morning. At 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon the craft reported by radio that it was crossing over Bremerhaven, on course, bound for Copenhagen. At 2:40 P. M. Air Force radio channels attempted but failed to establish radio contact with the craft.

Navy and Air Force officials here feel that it was possible that a complete breakdown in the plane's electrical system might have caused it to drift off course and into Latvia. Aerial navigators, however, point out that if the plane were over Bremerhaven at one time it would take a navigational error of nearly 90 degrees to cause the craft accidentally to wander over the Baltic states.

This is a thoroughly implausible explanation, for even if the plane's radio compasses and radar equipment were inoperative, ordinary magnetic compasses would still function and give a fairly exact direction.

It also is pointed out here that the Baltic coast, with its reported extensive rocket launching bases, is an interesting locale for aerial observation.

*The Times torpedoes the Navy*

# Warning to Atomaniacs: They'll Receive Fate of War Criminals

**Delegates from 52 nations to the World Peace Committee meeting in Stockholm last month called on "people of good will all over the world" to endorse their demand for the "unconditional prohibition of the atomic weapon as an instrument of aggression and mass extermination."**

**The historic peace gathering also called for "strict international control over the fulfillment of this decision" and pledged to "regard as a war criminal that government which first uses the atomic weapon against any country." The peace-loving peoples of all lands were urged also to participate in the Second World Peace Congress, to be held in Italy this fall.**

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# It's Worth MILLIONS To Wall St. To Beat Marc

By Max Gordon

Wall Street does not have a short political memory.

It recalls that Rep. Vito Marcantonio, when he ran for Mayor last fall, gave New Yorkers a terrific political education with his simple arithmetic about the huge swindle, permitting the financial moguls to get away each year. He quoted chapter and verse to prove that big properties are systematically underassessed by with $160,000,000 in city taxes some six billions.



MARCANTONIO

The American Labor Party leader's speeches on this, and other exposures, of Mayor O'Dwyer's manipulations in favor of the bankers struck home. They made both O'Dwyer and the bankers bitter at Marc. The Mayor threatened to "get" him, and several financiers made private vows along the same lines.

Hence it is not entirely accidental that the tri-party drive to oust the militant laborite congressman next fall got going in high gear on the eve of the annual public tussle on the city budget.

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EARLY THIS WEEK there appeared in the press simultaneous statements by an outfit known as the Committee for Republican Action, another known as Independent Democrats, and the phony "Liberal Party," calling for a single candidate to defeat him.

These statements were immediately followed by editorials heartily endorsing them.

The Committee for Republican Action is composed of a handful of Wall Street brokers and their hangers-on, who live in the swank area of Marc's 18th congressional district. The "Independent Democrats" are similarly a group of upper crust members of that Party; while the Liberal Party is the hanger-on of whichever major party will throw it a few crumbs.

The tri-party move is known to have the backing of Mayor O'Dwyer, who is being reminded of last fall's election campaign in the present budget fight.

The Mayor has submitted a financial program which has all sections of the public workers, as well as most civic-minded grownups, up in arms. It welches on his wage-increase promises to teachers, lets the underpaid transit workers down with not one solitary gain, refuses to meet requests of the other public workers for a long overdue 40-hour week, upgrading and wage increases.

In addition, the welfare budget is admittedly some $20,000,000 below the minimum needed, and various aspects of child welfare are severely hit.

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PRESSURE against the budget has developed even among conservative teacher and civil service groups, as well as among the transit workers.

The Mayor had hoped to stifle the opposition by Taft-Hartley tactics against the most militant union groups—the independent United Public Workers and its affiliated Teachers Union. He refused

His efforts to crush opposition were fruitless, however. The two militant organizations have called mass demonstrations against the budget, as well as against the Mayor's Taft-Hartley suppression tactics; while even the conservative groups have been compelled by their members to put up a stiff battle.

And they have countered the Mayor's arguments of "no funds" by citing much of the material used by Rep. Marcantonio in his election campaign to show the Mayor where he can get the money.

# Robeson Urges Action for 25 Facing Prison

By Harry Raymond

"I am deeply, deeply disturbed," said Paul Robeson as he looked into the faces of 3,000 men and women who came to Manhattan Center to protest the mounting cold war jailings and suppression of free thought and speech now sweeping America.

Seated behind him on the stage were several of the victims of this wave of terror. There was the distinguished Dr. Edward K. Barsky, chairman of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee; film writers Adrian Scott and John Howard Lawson; novelist Howard Fast; George Marshall, chairman of the Civil Rights Congress; former City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis—all ordered to jail for thinking.

"I am disturbed not only for the freedom of leaders of the American workingclass but for the freedom of all American liberals," declared Robeson.

What is urgent now, the great artist and leader of the Negro people said, is the rapid building of a mass movement for freedom all over the country.

ROBESON'S THEME at this "Deadline For Freedom" meeting was also the theme of similar rallies of 2,000 in Brooklyn's Hotel St. George and 1,000 in Sunnyside Gardens, Queens. Twenty-five victims of the House Un-American Activities Committee sponsored the rallies held last Friday night and spoke at them.

"We see this so-called democratic America using its executive and judicial powers in an attempt to restore and keep fascism in power," said Robeson. "But no McCarthys will solve the problems of American liberty. It is the radical will of the American people that will solve the problems of American liberty."

"The forces of France and Italy will see to it that no fascist will be able to set foot on their soil," he reminded the audience.

"But somehow in America we sit around and listen to talk about starting a war in a few hours. . . . I don't know about you, but I think all America tonight with any sense of decency must feel very ashamed. But we, who are the vanguard, we who say we come from left of center, we should be deeply ashamed."

ROBESON RECALLED that a million votes were cast for the Progressive Party and Henry Wallace in 1942.

"Where are those million votes?" he demanded. "Where are the 500,000 who should be in Washington today? Where are the 50,000 who should be marching in every city today?"

"I assure you," he warned, "this is no time to apologize. This is a struggle of life and death, a struggle of the many against the few. Either one has the power on the other has the power."

John Howard Lawson addressed both the Manhattan and Queens rallies.

**"If I have to go to jail to arouse the American people to their peril, it is a small thing to do in a great fight," he said.**

VICTIMS OF THE witchhunt, declared Robert Thompson, state chairman of the Communist Party, are "courageous front line fighters for freedom and peace." He warned that the "danger of fascism in America is real, it has been growing step by step."

James Lustig, district representative of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, said that members of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee had pledged to increase their activity now, to continue it from jail, if they are imprisoned, and to resume it if they are released.

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## Sidewalks OF NEW YORK

# The New Immigrant Comes to America

By Joseph North



Homer's tragic Odyssey was a pleasure jaunt compared with theirs. His hero Ulysses traveled to the gates of Hell: these people lived there. They are the Jewish immigrants to America, the DP's I have been seeing HIAS, the immigrant clearing house in the ancient red-brick building on Lafayette St.

Few in America realize almost 100,000 of the have passed by the Statue of Liberty since the war's end. Most are young, family men, women. Their children skip through the halls of the old HIAS building, excited with the new world, the new life, childishly unaware of their parent's heartbreak. Few of the elders survived to migrate.

A tot of six runs over to me, dark-eyed, her black hair falling to her shoulders. I speak to her in Yiddish. "How was the journey?" I ask. She approaches me, wide-eyed, innocent, smiling. "I vomited" she says artlessly. "But my little sister, she's only a 'pitzele' (a mite), she didn't. She cried all the way."

Then with that air of wisdom the old-young display she said: "When you're older you never cry. I didn't. Not once."

It's more than her parents can say. You talk with them in Yiddish and you find it impossible to realize: these survived tortures Homer never dreamed of. They are loathe to tell the past. This dark-eyed young man with broad shoulders was a 65 pound skeleton when the war ended; this handsome woman saw her mother and three sisters driven to the ovens, this youth unrolls his sleeves to show the branded number.

Now they are in America, great, rich, fabulous—"the golden medena" their fathers talked about a generation back. But they appear worried, apprehensive. Some are heartsick, disillusioned before they descend the gangplank.

Their journey here has been an extension of hell. An old woman in the corridor, near seventy, tells the story. "We thought we had escaped them, but they were on the boat with us, our murderers." This is her story. You hear it a dozen times.

The old convoy ship bore some 1,200 DP's, 200 of them Jewish. Many of the remainder aboard were those renegade Letts, Lithuanians, Poles who saw eye to eye with Hitler. "A stormtrooper on deck says to me," the old woman relates, "Hitler should have cut off all your heads." Somebody in the International Refugee Organization seems to appoint these types to MP duty aboard ship. They swagger down the decks, enjoy baiting the Jews.

One of them from Latvia, came to the old woman's cabin, bearing a pail and mop. "Clean up, old woman" he said, "Scrub the floor." She told him she was old "it's hard to scrub floors at my age."

"We don't recognize age" he said. He forced the old woman to her knees to swab the floors. "He lay down on the bunk, ate an apple, folded his arms behind his head, and watched me."

A sailor on the ship passed at that moment, and saw what was happening. He jerked the fascist from the bunk, threw him out, mop and pail after him. "The sailor was a dark American" the old woman says. A Negro sailor.

"We told the captain about the stormtrooper and he said he couldn't land, 'the U. S. would never permit such a beast to land.'

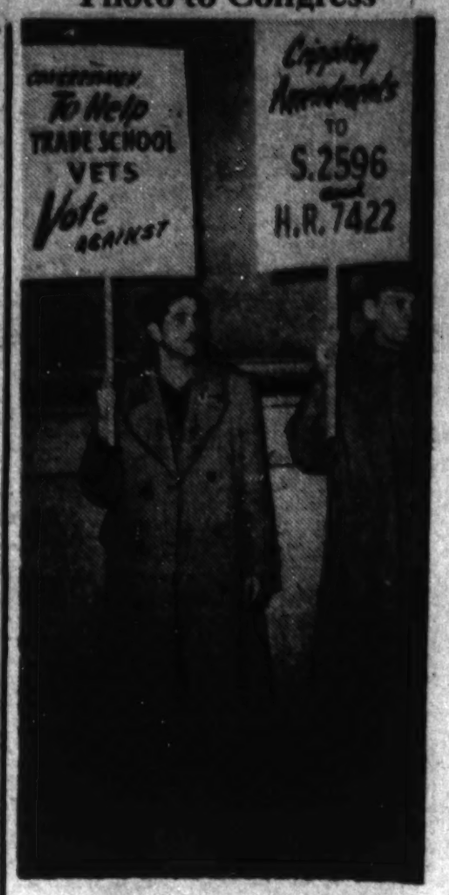
"But he landed before us, laughing, and he's here now" she said.

This is ominous prelude to their arrival in the Promised Land. I'll tell what happens afterward. What's happening on their jobs? What about their homes? Do they find friendliness, warmth, respect?

**The second article will appear in Monday's Daily Worker.**

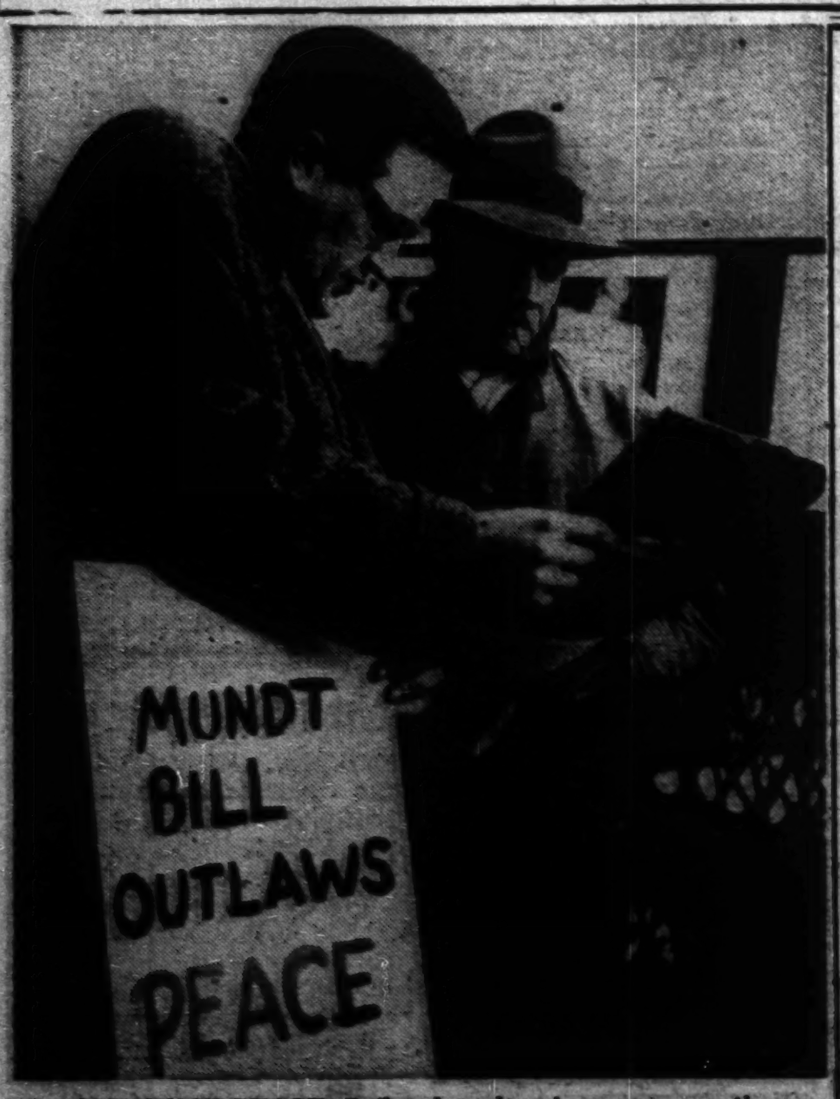
***On The Worker fund drive: G. A. Renard passes on a valuable, and moving, suggestion. He proposes contributions to "Sidewalks of New York," in tribute "to brothers and sisters who have passed on in service for humanity, e.g., Spanish Vets, unionists, Workers Alliance, etc., etc." He contributed in memory of Sam Wiseman. How about you?***

## Photo to Congress




A NEW WRINKLE in writing Congressmen was this photo of a picket line at the Veterans Administration office in New York which was sent all Congressmen from New York and to President Truman. The pickets, members of the Committee to Save the GI Bill of Rights, ask that GI rights to study in trade schools be protected.

OF THINGS TO COME, a column by John Pittman, associate editor of The Worker, appears Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Daily Worker.




SIGNS FOR PEACE: Railroad workers in many properties are being told the facts about the anti-freedom Mundt-Ferguson Bill, and they're registering their protest against its enactment. In photo above, a shopman at the Pennsylvania's Sunnyside Yards in Queens, N. Y., is signing a protest petition, after its anti-democratic aims were explained by Bernard Bender, the Communist Party's Sunnyside section organizer.

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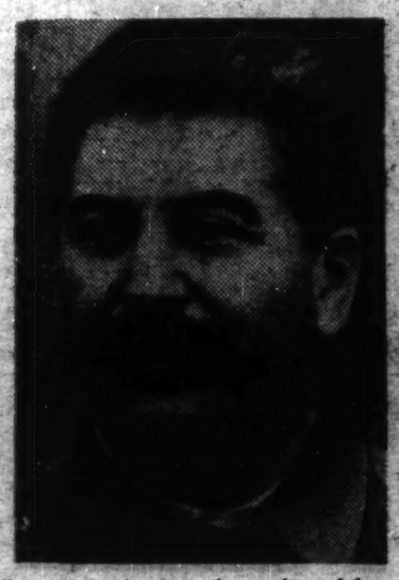
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# McCARTHY RAVINGS AIMED AT SOFTENING COUNTRY FOR MUNDT POLICE STATE BILL

By Rob F. Hall

**WASHINGTON.—The rantings of Sen. McCarthy against "Communism" in every nook and corner in the country are intended to soften the nation for a sneak play passage of the Mundt Police State Bill, it grows clearer. Through Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich), one of the sponsors of the bill the McCarthy bloc chraged that the Administration leaders are "trying to block" action on the police state measure.**

**Despite denial by Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas (D-Ill) this attack is likely**



McCARTHY MUNDT BUDENZ

**to be stepped up now, particularly as a result of the vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday. On that ballot a motion to recall the bill to committee lost by a seven to six vote, a bare majority on one. Voting against recall were McCarran (D-Nev), Eastland (D-Miss), O'Conor (D-Md), Ferguson (R-Mich), Jenner (R-Ind), Wiley (R-Wis) and Donnell (R-Mo) Voting for recall of the bill were Langer (R-ND), Kilgore (D-WVa), Kefauver (D-Tenn), Magnuson (D-Wash); Graham (D-NC) and Withers (D-Ky).**

**This vote obviously reflected a change since the bill was first reported out by the committee March 4 by a 12 to one majority. In the interim a growing number of persons have learned something of the fascist character of this measure and have made their opposition known to Senators. As a result six members of the judiciary commitee expressed the desire to reconsider the legislation.**

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**ALTHOUGH THIS VOTE** by no means indicates Administration opposition to the bill, it is likely to be seized on by the McCarthy Republicans who will give it this interpretation. Inasmuch as Lucas and his immediate associates have expressed support for the bill, there is danger that a GOP blast of this sort will bring the bill to the floor

The Mundt bill's main supporters among the Republicans are those senators most closely asso-

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## Bridges' Union Out To Reverse Verdict

**WEST COAST LONGSHOREMEN** made it clear that the shipowners would not succeed in their conspiracy to gut and destroy their militant union through the frame-up of Harry Bridges and his colleagues, J. R. Robertson and Henry Schmidt. From every local of the union there were immediate reactions denouncing the verdict and sentence.



HARRY BRIDGES

Typical was the statement from officers of four Hawaiian locals which led the long bitter strike last year, resulting in unprecedented gains. "The verdict is outrageous. No person is safe in hysteria-guided America today. . . . The Hawaiian membership will be behind you in your appeal."

Or the statement from the officers of the Columbia River District Council: "The verdict is not the way we see it. We guarantee the Columbia District Council delegates will back you to the limit. Now we start to fight."

Local 208, Chicago: "We are with you in this fight till victory is won. We refuse to submit to the reactionaries who wish to destroy militant trade unionism."

Similar messages came from Local 13, San Diego; Local 6, San Francisco; Local 46, Port Hueneme, Calif.; Local 9, Seattle.

And leaders of other West Coast maritime unions, whose members had benefitted through cooperation with the ILWU, responded in the same way. The executive board of the International Fishermen and Allied Workers pledged "continued support to smash the un-American plot directed against the ILWU and all other progressive unions."

Hugh Bryson, president of the CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards, wired Bridges, blasting the "most obvious frameup on your militant leadership and the membership of your great union."

Thirteen rank-and-file members of the National Maritime Union wired: "We have just read the verdict and it stinks. The fight against this verdict must go on if the maritime unions are to exist and the march toward fascism is to be stopped. We will be with you in the fight."

Messages came also from other union leaders, such as Reid Robinson, vice-president of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, and Albert J. Fitzgerald, president of the United Electrical Workers.

Though too many rightwing labor leaders were silent, with some of them involved in the frameup, it was becoming increasingly clear that the workers saw the verdict as the first blow at any kind of militancy in economic struggles or opposition to cold war operations.

## Protest Power Seen In Mundt Bill Vote

**WASHINGTON.—A surprise move ordering the Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, Pat McCarran, to request the Senate to send the Mundt Bill back to the committee failed by one vote.**

**Offered by Sen. William Langer (R-ND) the motion was first adopted 5 to 4, but the vote was held open for absent committee members. Three of the four absentees then cast ballots opposing Langer's motion, and the move was defeated 7 to 6.**

**When the committee first voted the Mundt Bill to the Senate floor several weeks ago, the vote was 12 to 1, with Sen. Langer alone recorded in opposition. The fact that five other committee members have since joined Langer against the measure was regarded by the National Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill as a sign of the effect on Congress of "enormous public protest."**

**Officials of the anti-Mundt bill committee added, however, that it was also a sign that nationwide opposition to the measure still has "not swayed enough votes to defeat the bill."**

## By the Way

### Douglas Would Have Uphold Dennis

**THE DIVISION BETWEEN** the "Roosevelt judges" and the "Truman judges" on civil liberties was highlighted again this week as Justice Douglas, joined with Judges Black and Frankfurter in upholding the appeal of Richard Morford, a victim of the House Un-American Committee's persecution. Since Morford, who refused to give J. Parnell Thomas the records of the Council of American-Soviet friendship, had not been permitted to question the government- employe jury if they were biased, the Court reversed his conviction unanimously.

**Douglas indicated that he not only opposed the Morford conviction but would have agreed with Black and Frankfurter in the Dennis decision that no government-employe jury can give a fair trial to a defendant challenging the red scare.**

### Legal Defense Denied

**RIGHT TO LEGAL DEFENSE** was further undermined last week as Federal Court of Appeals upheld jail sentences for lawyers who defended 11 Communist leaders at Foley Sq. The Federal Court of Appeals said that Judge Medina was all wrong when he charged lawyers defending Communist 11 at Foley Square with "conspiracy." Medina had ordered defense attorneys George Crockett, Harry Sacher, Louis McCabe, and Eugene Dennis who defended himself, to prison for "contempt" based on alleged "conspiracy." Medina said the "conspiracy" consisted in defense challenge of the jury system and the constitutionality of the Smith Act. Higher court knocked out "conspiracy" but insisted that the lawyers must go to jail anyway. They rejected Medina's logic but kept his punitive actions.

### He Doesn't Know

**THEY ASKED SETH RICHARDSON** what "loyalty" is. And the head of the President's so-called Loyalty Board had to answer: "I do not know." What Richardson did know, he told Congress, was that out of 3,000,000 government employes investigated, not one single case of espionage could be found. But if Mr. Richardson was vague about what "loyalty" signifies, Harry Wallace Blair, newly-appointed to the top loyalty review board was not. He was sure that opposition to jimcrow blood banks is disloyalty to America. Grilling government worker Dorothy Bailey in her loyalty trial, Blair demanded: "Did you ever write a letter to the Red Cross about the segregation of blood?"

### The Nazis Will Like It

**JOHN FOSTER DULLES** celebrated his recall by President Truman into the government by denouncing FDR's Yalta agreements as a basic "mistake." These agreements called for joint U. S.-Soviet action to root out all Nazi influence in Germany. Dulles, whose Wall Street firm has long had close ties with pro-Hitler banking firms (Schroeder Banking Corp.) advocates speedier revival of the old reactionary forces in Germany.

### United Labor Action?—How?

**PHILIP MURRAY'S RECENT** proposal for united labor action was made four weeks after he had rejected John L. Lewis' proposal for a mutual aid fund to defend all unions. Lewis immediately accepted the CIO bid. William Green was scheduled to take it up with the AFL Executive Council.

Murray's proposal was seen as recognition of the insistence by the rank-and-file for united action in their contract fights and to meet the problem of growing unemployment.

Top labor officials are still heating up the cold war which is damaging labor's interests. Workers were beginning to see that real unity will have to be achieved in the shops and locals if top level united action is to bring results.

## POINT OF ORDER

By ALAN MAX

The protest by the Soviet Union against the U.S. bomber flying over Soviet soil and firing at Soviet planes, raises some serious questions.

If the Soviet Union won't let foreign bombers fly over her territory and take pictures, what becomes of the sacred Freedom of Photography?

If the Soviet Union objects to a foreign bomber flying 350 miles off its course, what becomes of the sacred Freedom to Get Lost?

If the Soviet Union says a foreign bomber can't start firing when told to land, what becomes of the sacred Freedom to Turn Cold Wars into Hot Ones?

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# Why We Need May Day

**MAY DAY IS APPROACHING** and it is giving the traditional jitters to the democracy-haters who own and control the nation's industries for their private profit.

**It is especially giving the jitters to the war-hungry munition makers who know full well that this May Day is going to sound the mightiest call for world peace in human history.**



EUGENE V. DEBS

**That's why we read in the Big Business magazines that there are going to be "riots" in Berlin on May Day and that the war fever will be heated up this Spring to new heights by the press.**

May Day has always been the day when the working people speak their piece on the stage of history. The working people could never really speak in the parliaments and congresses of the capitalist countries.

**American labor was compelled to launch the first May Day in 1886 because Labor had no other way of making its views felt. There probably wasn't a single ordinary working man in the entire Congress.**

That tradition has grown and flourished to this day. Now it is not just the few thousands of American workers who will march in their cities and towns but HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF WORKERS all over the world.

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**ONE LOOK AT THE WORLD** today sure proves how much the May Day message of Labor is needed by the entire country.

We need May Day because we want to save the fast-dying remnants of our traditional democratic liberty. The Supreme Court has ruled that the Cold-War supersedes the U. S. Constitution! It has refused to admit that neither Eugene Dennis nor the other victims of the Un-American Committee had any rights in the face of the probe into their political views! If Dennis goes to jail, political freedom goes with him. The Court tried to argue that a fear-ridden jury of Government employees could give a Communist a fair trial. The whole world knows that such juries are not juries at all, but terrified employees who would not dare to risk their jobs by defying the FBI's indictments of the Un-American Committee.



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**WE NEED MAY DAY** to keep the Cold War from killing our Constitution via the Mundt Police State Bill. If this Bill is passed, liberty will be dead in our America. The Bill would outlaw the Communist Party FIRST; then it would gag every American who dared to talk of American-Soviet negotiation and peace. It would brand as "subversive" every trade union, every Negro organization, etc., that dared to defy the warmongers or the Big Business tories on ANY POLITICAL ISSUE WHATSOEVER.

We need May Day to stop the horrible plot to plunge the U.S.A. into a WORLD-WIDE ATOMIC SLAUGHTER. No nation menaces the U.S.A. No nations wants to or can. The myth of "Soviet aggression" is a fake borrowed right out of the book of the Hitler Nazis and the Tokyo Pearl Harbor criminals.

Russia needs peace to build her Socialist industry. There is not a single human being in the USSR that stands to gain from another war. No one there profits from war contracts or empire grabs. The USSR stands for the PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE OF SOCIALISM AND CAPITALISM. It offers disarmament and the outlawing of all atomic weapons, BACKED BY STRICT U.N. INSPECTION.

**We need May Day to speak for our kids who must not die in atomic massacre!**

May Day is the day of hope, of the vision of human brotherhood and peace. May Day is the day when the working people of the world stand up and say we will oppose another way for private profits.

**"Only the capitalist class has any interest in making war," cried our great American Socialist forerunner, Eugene V. Debs. This May Day will hear that challenge shouted from every corner of the globe.**



More than 1,500 fur workers last week paid tribute to the memory of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt at a noon-hour meeting at 29th St. and Seventh Ave. The crowd is shown with bowed heads as taps were blown on the fifth anniversary of FDR's death.

# CP Leader Put on Jury In Toledo

TOLEDO, April 12.—Joe Sokol, chairman of the Lucas County Communist Party, has been named a member of the petit jury panel here. His name was included in a list called for jury duty.

When Sokol asked Judge John O. Carey of Common Pleas Court why he was not named to the grand jury, the judge explained that the grand jury has already been selected and that he could, instead, serve as a petit juror.

Last year, Sokol acted as a witness in behalf of the Communist leaders in the Foley Square heresy trial. His selection to the jury is significant in view of a ruling by a Pittsburgh judge against a Communist serving on the jury, which was later reversed by a higher court.

# Chile Quisling Comes Here; Poet Brands Him Traitor

By Pablo Neruda

**Pablo Neruda is famed not only as Chile's greatest poet but as one of the greatest figures in world literature. He was elected Senator in Chile as a Communist when President Gonzalez Videla of Chile had united in a solemn election pact with the Communists and other progressives. After the presidential elections in 1946 Gonzalez Videla turned against his allies, and unleashed a reign of terror against trade unionists and Communists. He forced Neruda into exile and this open letter is addressed to the American people on the occasion of Gonzalez Videla's current visit to the United States.**

**IT WAS** cold that day in Lota. Coal dust weighted the icy Pacific air and the damp fog, a blanket over more than ten thousand men, women and children, shivering in their rags.

Let me tell you about them. Twelve hours a day, the miners in Lota work, and for that their pay is 50 cents—not for an hour but for the whole day. They stood there, and from rotten, crumbling houses, roofs open to cold and rain and fog and black soot, their women came to join them. Now, however, the faces of these children of poverty had an unusual look. Because they were looking at hope.

Gabriel Gonzales Videla was speaking to them, and Gabriel Gonzales Videla was a candidate for the Presidency of Chile, and the candidate spoke of hope and promises. An end to Feudalism, he promised them, an end of the political police. The land would be divided, and there would be better pay for the workers and better houses for their families. He would be their champion against their oppressors, and through him would come a new life.

Then, at the most intense moment of the meeting, a little old woman, wrinkled and ragged, a specter of the mines, came out of the crowd and up to the platform, and said to him:

"It is so much that you will give us, that I will give you all that I have."

And from her rags she took a few pennies and gave them to the candidate. The crowd applauded. The candidate wept, and, holding the pennies in his hand, he, Videla, said:

"Comrades, over these pennies, given through sacrifice, I say to you that if I should betray you, then put me in front of a firing squad—to die the way traitors die."

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**A FEW MONTHS** passed, and Gabriel Gonzales Videla began to keep his promises. Now he was President of Chile. In that same mining town, Lota, where he had made his pact with the workers, the miners struck. It was a legal strike. Not one penny had wages been raised. It was still cold, and life was no easier, no better. So the workers struck.

But things had changed now, and things were different now. The man who had promised them so many good things was President of Chile. His picture hung in the mines, a tricolor sash on his chest, a dinner jacket underneath the sash. So the strike would be simple, you see, and the workers wired to him:

"Come and help us, President Videla."

So he sent help. He sent tanks and artillery and airplanes. He sent warships to lay off the coast and hold the town under its guns. He sent his police, and in the night they entered the wretched homes and took the workers from their beds, and their wives and their children, too. Men and women were tortured, beaten into unconsciousness. Then, when the first stage was done, cattle cars were brought to Lota, and, into the cattle cars, like beasts, were packed the miners and their wives and their children.

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**FOR DAYS,** the cattle cars rumbled south, and then, in a desolate antarctic wasteland, almost a thousand miles from their homes, the cars were unloaded.

In those cars, children died, pregnant women miscarried, and a new hell for Chile was created.

But President Videla was learning his job. Not flowers, but concentration camps blossomed. And they were effective, for one of them, Pisagua, came to be called the Camp of Extermination, so many had died there.

But Videla had only started. He closed down 15 newspapers. It became a crime to think. The political police were increased by the thousands. All government employes who were not trusted fascists were dismissed. Writers were persecuted. The right of political asylum was destroyed. Those Spanish Republicans who had been given refuge by a former government were now imprisoned, and anti-Semitism was nurtured.

That was three years ago. . . .

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**THIS IS THE MAN** who now will be received in Washington. Not a tiger from our tropical jungle, but rather is Videla a jackel, a Laval, a cowardly poisoner.

He crawls to Washington to be paid in dollars for his deeds. This is the time of the traitor, the jackal—but it is also the time of the peoples victorious.

As he receives his pay in Washington, let the people of your land remember the miners of Lota, the women and children of a distant country called Chile, where there is cold and poverty and hunger and hatred. Let your people remember, for a hangman and a murderer visits you. Let them pay him off in Washington, you can give him what he deserves—hatred and contempt.

# 100,000 circulation in 1950

**Last week we printed 68,513**

In the five-week period following the national subscription drive we obtained 2,090 subs. This rate is too slow in a drive to reach 100,000 readers by the end of the year.

The first quarter of the year is behind us. We have nine months to go to make the change. The time is adequate if speedy steps are taken to make a change in the next few weeks in building the press.

Philadelphia established the first Friends of The Worker organization. From other parts of the country have come requests for suggestions on setting up such an organization.

Claudia Jones, secretary of the Women's Commission of the Communist Party, sends us the following interesting information:

**"I recently returned from a tour where I spoke on the press in Erie, Pa., and Rochester, N. Y. In Erie many industrial workers attended the meeting and contributed $180 for the press fund. In Rochester I spoke to a banquet attended by 250 persons sponsored by the Workers Press Committee of that city. A majority of those attending were not Communists. All who attended were regular readers of The Worker. They raised $300 for the workers' press."**

How about establishing a permanent Friends of The Worker organization in Rochester and also in Erie?

## USSR Increases Automatic Welders

MOSCOW.—The USSR has now 12 times as many automatic welding machines as in 1946, the beginning of the postwar Five-Year Plan. The automatic welder designed by the Soviet scientist Academician Evgeni Paton, accelerates the welding process eightfold.

# Hatchetman Baldanzi Due for Axe Himself

By George Morris

The CIO's purge campaign aimed at the left-progressive unions is now speading into the rightwing's own camp as president Emil Rieve of the Textile Workers Union (TWUA) announced plans to give the air to executive vice-president George Baldanzi. Baldanzi was one of the chief rightwing hatchetmen at the CIO's convention in Cleveland.

The decision to fire Baldanzi was made at a private meeting in Rieve's office on April 6. This was a day after the meeting of CIO officers wihch ordered the "trial" of two more left unions for "communism." They are the International Fur and Leather Workers and the American Communications Association.

It appears that Rieve has Philip Murray's approval, although the CIO head is anxious to prevent an open knock-down and drag-out fight at the Boston convention of the TWUA May 1.

Reports have been common that a division is forming within the CIO's rightwing—roughly between the Murray crowd and those of Social Democratic stripe. Both Baldanzi and Rieve are of rightwing socialist background. How their differences relate to the general picture in the CIO is not yet fully evident.

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**THE FIGHT** is now in the open and both sides are feverishly campaigning for votes. Rieve's candidate for Baldanzi's job is Mariano Bishop, head of the northern cotton division. Neither Rieve nor Baldanzi raises any difference over basic matters. Typical of the Rieve line is a release from headquarters announcing that Herbert Payne, director of the synthetic yarn and dyers and finishers division, has thrown his support to Bishop. He said:

**"I have noticed the growing unwillingness and inability of George Baldanzi to discharge the duties of his office in a sound and proper way. In recent years Baldanzi has conducted a subtle campaign to undermine Rieve's leadership and to discredit every responsible official of the organization except his handful of followers. . . . The situation finally became intolerable. . . ."**

Thus the fight assumes the character of a simple fight for power Its effect can only be to sidetrack the real issues before the convention. The real concern to the members is the bankrupt program the union has followed since the last convention, with its no-wage raise policy, cooperation with employers for speedup, and the disastrous flop of the southern organizing drive of which Baldanzi was director. On all these issues Baldanzi and Rieve have been in full agreement.

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**FOR YEARS** Rieve has feared Baldanzi as a contender for the $16,000-a-year presidency. The No. 2 man is an aggressive type, smooth and eloquent. Baldanzi apparently counted much on building a base for himself in the South. The failure, after four years, left him wide open. Apparently Rieve sees this as an opportunity to eliminate a potential opponent.

Baldanzi said he will "fight" for his $13,500 job. But the strength he can rally against the well-entrenched Rieve machine is questionable. Thus far, only New Jersey gives evidence of much support for him.

The Baldanzi-Rieve feud reflects the crisis within the union, as the leadership has failed to meet mass unemployment; stimulated more layoffs by approving speedup; signed contracts for the third successive year without an advance; and lost heavily in membership, now reported at about 275,000. The two will undoubtedly try to blame each other for the situation.

# McCarthy Bloc Pushes Mundt Bill

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ciated with Sen. Joe McCarthy (R-Wis) who is charging State Department officers and employees with "disloyalty."

Having failed to produce any evidence to substantiate his charges, McCarthy has announced he would "stand or fall" on his case against Prof. Owen Lattimore Far Eastern expert, who incidentally is not connected with the State Department. After asserting that Lattimore is "the top Russian espionage agent" McCarthy finds himself desperate for "proof."

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**IN HIS EXTREMITY** McCarthy has followed the example of the Justice Department. He has turned to the professional stool pigeon, Louis F. Budenz, who has obediently manufactured "evidence" against Communists and progressives whenever this article was needed by the Department.

At McCarthy's demand, Chairman Millard Tydings (D-Md) of the Senate investigating committee has subpoenaed Budenz to appear at a public hearing Monday. McCarthy insists that Budenz testimony will convict Lattimore of his charges.

Most observers here are skeptical. They doubt that Budenz even at his most imaginative, can convincingly link Prof. Lattimore with espionage. If Budenz fails, then Sen. McCarthy will, as Lattimore predicted, "fall flat on his face."

In such a dilemma, a hue and cry from the McCarthy bloc for quick Senate action on the Mundt bill is not only possible but probable.

The National Committee to Defeat the Mundt bill, while encouraged by signs of increasing opposition to the measure, is also warning of the increased danger. Representative delegations are coming to Wasington from a number of cities April 18 and 19 to lobby congressmen for defeat of this dangerous bill.

## what's on

### SATURDAY

#### Manhattan

ERROR! ERROR! People's Drama Film Members: For Saturday Nite's (April 15, 8:30 p.m.) private full length film showing and social by People's Drama Film Ass'n—go to Chateau Gardens, Houston St. & 2nd Ave. (IND "E" or "F" train to Second Ave Sta.). To obtain your membership card ($1.25), call CH 2-9527 immediately. We had to turn hundreds away at last week's benefit. You can't see this special film [illegible] elsewhere!

[illegible] NO FURTHER—here's where you [illegible] to go tonight (Saturday, April 15). It's another terrific Tompkins Square YPA Social, with loads of fun for everyone. Dancing. Top Entertainment, refreshments, all in our large newly decorated clubroom. Just grab the bus at 14th St. and hustle on down—95 Ave. B (corner 6th St.—3rd Flr.). Festivities start at 9—and ??? Cont. $1.00.

FREEDOM THEATER PRESENTS special previews of 'Longitude 49'—a new play by Herb Tank, with audience discussion, Saturday, Sunday, April 15, 16—8:30 p.m. Admission $1.00 new members. Members 75c. Auspices: Czechoslovak House, 347 E. 72nd St. Call RH 4-9273 for theater parties and reservations.

SOLIDARITY STUDIO PARTY given by the American Folksay Group. Sing with Ronnie, Walter and Jerry. Square and social dancing and refreshments 25 W. 19th St.—8:00 p.m. Saturday, April 15.

JOIN OUR FUN, members, friends! Surprise attractions, congenial atmosphere, folk, social. Cultural Folk Dance Group, 108 E. 16th St.

STUDENT LYL Spring Dance: Square and social dancing, refreshments, entertainment. 107 W. 110th St. Donation 50c. 8:30 p.m.

HAVE YOU BEEN HYPNOTIZED? Married? Divorced? or kissed lately? All this and dancing, too—at Wash. Hts. LYL Carnival. Saturday, April 15—8:30 p.m. 359 Ft. Wash. Ave. Apt. 1s. Don. 2c per inch waist.

REMEMBER THE SPAGHETTI—Party in Paradise alley? Well there aint gonna be no spaghetti, but there'll be Ginger, Louise, Paradise Alley, food, dancing & refreshments for an unbeatable combination. 503 E. 11th St., 2nd house top floor. Help the needy meet there fund drive quota. $1.00 donation.

THE NEW GULLIVER—famous full-length Soviet satire on bourgeoisie, parliaments, war, with over 3,000 animated puppets and clever musical score. 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 p.m. Social all evening. New membership fee: $1.00. Saturday Night Film Club, 111 W. 88th St.

RECTOR BAILEY and electric guitar. Calypso songs, music, warm people, hot music, delicious refreshments, dancing to wee hours. Cont. 75c. ALP, 1st A.D. North, 350 4th Ave.

FUN GALORE at Yorkville LYL Carnival: games, dancing, eats, refreshments. Sub. 50c. Saturday, 8 p.m. at 350 E. 81st St.—3rd Flr.

RITES OF SPRING FESTIVAL — this party's got everything! Homelike atmosphere—clubroom, spaciousness, dancing, refreshments, Broadway entertainment, Lee Weinberg's Band at ALP, 220 W. 80th St. 8:30 p.m. Sub. $1.00.

AWAKE AND SING . . . "an extraordinarily effective performance," said one critic. See for yourself the Jefferson Theater Workshop's exciting production of Clifford Odets' 3-act classic. Repeated this Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 14, 15, 16 . . . 8:30 p.m. at the Jefferson School Theater . . . 16th St. & 6th Ave. Admission $1.00 (tax incl.).

TIME MARCHES ON in "Valley Town" study of steel town with Blitzstein's songs, music. Time Marches Backwards in "March of the Movies." Compare excerpts of old and new films. Hollywood today vs. Henry V. Shoe Shine, Valentine etc. Vote-Your-Own-Film Club, 6 Fifth Ave. (off 8th St.) film showings 9 & 11 p.m. Continuous dancing all evening, 75c tax. Special Children's film program Saturday, 3:15 p.m. (50c).

HANGING ON UNION SQUARE and Canton Rickshaw, hit plays by H. T. Tsiang. 8:45 p.m. 225 W. 46th St. Phone AU 3-7694.

CAFE DNUP SVIRD—The gayest Peace party in town at Dorie Miller LYL Club, 2315 7th Ave. Dance, refreshments, entertainment. Cont. 60c.

#### Bronx

PARTY FOR MIKE—leaving to join Challenge Chaplin Festival. Square dancing, refreshments. Unity LYL, 1029 E. 163rd St. Fri. 8:30 p.m. Sub 65c.

SPRING DANCE. Band — Red Cohen Combo. Entertainment, food. Club Ruthenberg. Saturday, April 15. Coop Auditorium, 2700 Bronx Park East. Sub. $1.00.

#### Brooklyn

TONIGHT! BROWNSVILLE ALP, 302 Saratoga Ave. (near Livonia) for a "hot" time at our house-warming. Food, entertainment, people. Sub. 75c.

HAVE A GRAND TIME at the 10th CD, ALP Spring Frolic. Food, entertainment, dancing, games and fun galore. Donation 25c, at 1190 St. Johns Pl. (corner Albany Ave.).

HOWARD FAST on the Warsaw Ghetto. Songs by Zion. Films and dancing at the JVP Center, 608 Cleveland St., 8:30 sharp. Subs. 75c.

#### Queens

ROCKAWAY LYL Dance for Peace, April 15 at 8:30. Dancing, refreshments, entertainment, at 2117 Mott Ave., Far Rockaway. Convenient to all transportation. Cont. 75c.

### SUNDAY

#### Manhattan

CHARLIE CHAPLIN in "The Circus" and "Tillie's Punctured Romance"—two of Chaplin's funniest full-length comedies; extra added attraction—hilarious scenes from Chaplin's "Gold Rush." Continuous showings, 7:30 p.m. to 12 midnight, Sunday, April 16. Program notes by David Platt. Bar, refreshments. Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41st St. (2 blocks from Times Square). 83c plus tax.

"DEFEAT THE MUNDT BILL" RALLY. Speakers: former Congressman O'Connell and Ewart Guinier. Entertainment by Pete Seeger. Adm. free. Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41st St., 1:30 p.m., April 16. Ausp.: Nature Friends of America.

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SUNDAY WHING-DING session. Meet new singers, new songs. Sing all afternoon with Pete Seeger, Ernie Lieberman, Sylvia Kahn, others. People's Artists Studio, 106 E. 14th St., 2 to 5 p.m.

VILLAGE PARTY, 132 University Pl., near 14th St. Food, wine, special films and entertainment. Starts 7 p.m. All for $1.25.

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## SATURDAY

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC—News, Critics Corner
WOR—Man on the Farm
WJZ—Home Gardener
WCBS—Theatre of Today
WNYC—Midday Symphony
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert
12:15-WNBC—Public Affairs
12:30-WNBC—Lopez Orchestra
WOR—News; The Answer Man
WJZ—News; American Farmer
WCBS—Grand Central Station
1:00-WNBC—Farm and Home Hour
WOR—Luncheon at Sardi's
WJZ—Navy Hour
WCBS—Stars Over Hollywood
WNYC—Concert
WQXR—News; Midday Symphony
1:30-WNBC—Chicago Round Table
WOR—Variety Show
WJZ—Roger Dan Show
2:30-WNBC—Downtown Glee Club
WJZ—Let's Go to the Opera
WCBS—County Fair
WNYC—World Theatre
WQXR—News; Record Review
2:30-WNBC—Denmark Easter Greetings
WCBS—Get More Out of Life
WQXR—Movie Music
WOR—Variety Musicale
3:00-WNBC—Pioneers of Music
WOR—B-Bar-B Riders
WCBS—Report from Overseas
3:15-WCBS—Adventures in Science
3:30-WOR—Cisco Kid, Sketch
WCBS—Farm News
3:45-WCBS—Cross Section, USA.
4:00-WNBC—Living—1950
WCBS—Racing—Jamaica
WOR—Count of Monte Cristo
WQXR—News; Record Album
4:30-WOR—Variety Musicale
WQXR—Music of Our Time
5:00-WNBC—Song Festival
WOR—John Steele, Sketch
WJZ—Tea and Crumpets
WCBS—Philadelphia Orchestra
WNYC—Hands Across the Sea
WQXR—News; Keyboard Artists
5:30-WNBC—To Be Announced
WOR—Radio Harris
WQXR—Cocktail Time

EVENING

6:00-WNBC—Ken Banghart
WOR—Lyle Van, News
WJZ—News, Albert Warner
WCBS—Bill Slater, News
WQXR—Theatre of Dance
WNYC—Ballet Time
6:15-WNBC—To Be Announced
WCBS—Views of the Press
6:30-WNBC—NBC Spring Concert
WJZ—Harry Wismer
WOR—News
WCBS—Sports Review
WQXR—Dinner Concert
6:45-WOR—Sports
WJZ—Melody Rendezvous
7:00-WOR—Richard L. Tobin
WCBS—Young Love, Sketch
WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WQXR—News; On Stage
7:15-WOR—Answer Man
7:30-WNBC—Joe Di Maggio Show
WCBS—Vaughn Monroe
WOR—Comedy of Errors
WJZ—Chandu—Sketch
WQXR—Scenes from Opera
8:00-WNBC—Dimension X, Sketch
WOR—Twenty Questions
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
WJZ—Orrin Tucker Show
WCBS—Gene Autry Show
8:30-WNBC—Truth or Consequences
WJZ—Hollywood Byline
WOR—Get More Out of Life
WCBS—The Goldbergs
WNYC—Gilbert and Sullivan Music
9:00-WNBC—Hit Parade
WOR—Catholic Charities
WJZ—Rayburn and Finch Show
WCBS—Gangbusters
WQXR—Great Conductors
9:30-WNBC—Dennis Day Show
WCBS—Arthur Godfrey
WOR—Guy Lombardo Show
10:00-WNBC—Judith Canova Show
WOR—Theatre of the Air
WJZ—At the Shamrock
WCBS—Welcome Back Baseball
WQXR—Wings of Song
10:30-WNBC—Grand Ole Opry
WQXR—Pop Concert
WJZ—Voice That Live
WCBS—Sing It Again

## SUNDAY

MORNING

8:25-WNEW—Children's Playhouse
9:00-WNBC—World News
WNYC—American Artists
WCBS—World News
WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WOR—Harry Hennessy, News
9:15-WNBC—The Comic Weekly Man
WOR—Faith to Live By
WCBS—Organ Music
9:30-WOR—Sunday Chapel
WJZ—The Voice of Prophecy
9:45-WNBC—Male Quartet
WCBS—Trinity Choir
10:00-WNBC—National Radio Pulpit
WOR—News; Henry Gladstone
WJZ—Message of Israel
WCBS—Church of the Air
WQXR—News
10:30-WNBC—Children's Hour
WJZ—The Southernaires
WOR—Heartbeat in the News
WCBS—Church of the Air
WNYC—Scenes from the Operas
11:00-WOR—Henry Gladstone
WJZ—Foreign Reporter
WQXR—News
WCBS—Allan Jackson, News
11:15-WOR—Brunch—Dorothy and Dick
WJZ—Frank and Ernest, Talk
WCBS—World News Report
11:30-WNBC—Charles McCarthy, News
WNYC—Violinist

## Three Charlie Chaplin Features Sunday Night

Charlie Chaplin's full-length films, The Circus and Tillie's Punctured Romance will be repeated this Sunday night, April 16 at Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41 St. As a special added attraction scenes from Chaplin's classic Gold Rush will be shown. Continuous performances from 7:30 to midnight.

## RADIO HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, April 15

PM

6:15—CBS views the Press. WCBS
6:30—Spring Concert. WNBC.

TV

6:45—Nature of Things. WNBT
8:00—Saturday Night Revue. WNBT
8:00—Paul Whiteman Teen Club. WJZ.

Sunday, April 16

12:00 M—Invitation to Learning. WCBS

PM

1:15—Elmo Roper. WCBS
2:00—NBC Theatre. WNBC
3:00—N. Y. Philharmonica. WCBS
3:30—Juvenile Jury. WOR
6:00—Oscar Brand. WNYC
6:30—Henry Morgan show. WNBC
6:30—Our Miss Brooks. WCBS
8:00—Edgar Bergen-Charlie McCarthy. WCBS
8:30—Theatre Guild. WNBC
10:00—The Lively Orts. WNEW.

TV

7:00—Paul Whiteman Revue. WJZ
7:30—This Is Show Business. WCBS
9:00—Television Playhouse. WNBT.

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC—Jinx Falkenburg
WCBS—Invitation to Learning
WOR—The Little Club
WJZ—Next Week in N. Y.
WNYC—Midday Symphony
WQXR—News; Symphonic Varieties
12:05-WQXR—Symphony Varieties
12:30-WNBC—The Eternal Light
WOR—News—Melvin Elliott
WCBS—People's Platform
WCBS—News Reports
WJZ—Piano Playhouse
WQXR—Record Music
12:45-WOR—John Wyatt
WQXR—Musical Specialties
1:00-WNBC—American Forum
WJZ—Religious Talk
WOR—Frank Farell
WCBS—Charles Collingwood
WNYC—Music
1:15-WCBS—Elmo Roper
1:30-WNBC—N. Y. Quiz Kids
WJZ—National Vespers
WOR—The Show Shop
WCBS—L. P. Record Parade
2:00-WOR—Deems Taylor Concert
WCBS—Music for You
WNBC—NBC Theatre
WJZ—Easter Parade
WNYC—Brooklyn Museum Concert
WQXR—News; Orchestra Melodies
2:30-WOR—B-Bar B-Riders
WJZ—Mr. President
WCBS—Galen Drake
3:00-WOR—Mr. Dynamic
WNBC—To Be Announced
WJZ—Vacation Time
WCBS—The Chevaliers
WJZ—This Week
3:30-WNBC—Quiz Kids
WOR—Juvenile Jury
4:00-WNBC—Night Beat
WOR—Ropalong Cassidy
WJZ—Sammy Kaye
4:30-WNBC—High Adventure
WOR—Private Investigator
WJZ—Milton Cross—Opera Album
WCBS—L.P. Recordings
WNYC—Music
5:00-WOR—The Shadow
WNBC—Voices and Events
WJZ—Think Fast
WCBS—Measure of Freedom
WQXR—News; Melodies of Old Vienna
5:30-WOR—Detective Mysteries
WNBC—Harvest of Stars
WJZ—Greatest Story Ever Told
WCBS—Earn Your Vacation

EVENING

6:00-WNBC—The Catholic Hour
WCBS—My Favorite Husband
WNYC—Folksong Festival
WJZ—Drew Pearson, News
WOR—Roy Rogers Show
WQXR—News
6:00-WQXR—String Quartet
6:15-WJZ—Don Gardner
6:30-WNBC—Henry Morgan Show
WOR—Nick Carter
WCBS—Our Miss Brooks
WJZ—Girls' Corps
WNYC—Music
6:45-WNYC—Weather Report; News
7:00-WNBC—C London, Play
WOR—Welcome Back Baseball
WCBS—Jack Benny
WJZ—Voices That Live
WNYC—Masterwork Hour
WQXR—News
7:00-WQXR—Collectors Items
7:30-WNBC—Phil Harris, Alice Faye show
WOR—The Saint
WJZ—Mr Malone
WCBS—Amos and Andy Show
8:00-WNBC—Sam Spade, sketch
WOR—Mediation Board
WJZ—Stop the Music
WCBS—Bergen-Charlie McCarthy
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:30-WNBC—Theatre Guild
WOR—Melvin Elliott, News
WCBS—Red Skelton Show
WNYC—Piano Music
9:00-WOR—Pursuit of Peace
WJZ—Walter Winchell
WCBS—Meet Corliss Archer
WQXR—News
WNYC—Child Development Talk
9:05-WQXR—Sunday Evening Concert
9:15-WJZ—Louella Parsons Show
9:30-WNBC—Album of Familiar Music
WJZ—Chance of A Lifetime
WCBS—Horace Heidt Show
WOR—Sheilah Graham
WNYC—Chicago Round Table
10:00-WNBC—Eddie Cantor Show
WJZ—Jimmie Fiddler
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WQXR—News; Record Review
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10:30-WNBC—Bob Crosby Show
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WOR—Heartbeat in the News
WCBS—We Take Your Word
WQXR—Pop concert

## Forum on Psychiatry And Art Sunday

The Artists League of America announces a forum on Psychiatry and the Artist in the Social Milieu at the IWO Hall, 77 Fifth Ave., Sunday, April 16, at 8:330 p.m.

The evening's speakers will be Martha Jaeger, practicing psychologist, Anthony Toney, artist and teacher, Mark Tarail, psychologist and teacher at the Jefferson School of Social Scienec and Burt Jahr, artist and city director at the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The admission for members is 50 cents—for non-members 75 cents.

## 'Great Begining,' Soviet Classic Revived at Irving Place

The Great Beginning, the Soviet flim classic now being revived at the Irving Place Theatre, has as its subject the new woman in present day Russia. The personal and social problems of a plain, simple peasant woman who, despite the opposition and ridicule of her husband and other men folks, becomes a leader of masses and finally a member of the highest legislative body in the Soviet Union, form the texture of the original story.

Vera Maretskaya, one of the greatest stars of the Soviet screen and stage, plays the part of Alexandra Sokolova, the heroine of the picture. Her performance in The Great Beginning is considered the most outstanding of her career. Alexande Zarkhi and Joseph Heifitz, who directed the picture, will be remembered in this country for their direction of Baltic Deputy.

## 'Folksongs at 8' Sunday Evening At Panel Room

Harry Belafonte, The Duke of Iron and Oscar Brand will be featured in the April 16 performance of Folksongs At 8, the second in a series of six Sunday evening concerts presented by Paul Werth and Joseph Davidson at the Panel Room, 13 Astor Place, New York.

Harry Belafonte, popular folk and jazz singer, will present a full hour of his repertoire which features his own composition, Recognition. The Duke of Iron will sing the Calypso numbers he is famous for, and Oscar Brand, with his inimitable sense of humor, will be master of ceremonies.

Folksongs At 8 begins promptly at 8. Tickets are 99 cents, including tax, and are available at Werth-Davidson Productions, 7 W. 44 St.; People's Artists, 106 E. 14 St., and the 44 St. Bookshop. Tickets will be available at the Panel Room on the evening of the performance.

## Doxey Wilkerson Talk Illustrated with 3 Films in Bronx

Doxey Wilkerson will speak on "Negro and Jewish Unity" at the Tremont Section of the Communist Party, 807 Tremont Ave., Bronx, this Sunday, April 16, at 8:30. Three films will be shown: Story of Dr. Carver, What's Happening in Harlem and Brotherhood of Man.

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*Movies:*

# Theodore Dreiser On 'Road to Life'

## Famous Soviet Film Now at Stanley Theatre

By Theodore Dreiser

The art of Russia, pleasingly enough for me, has always concerned itself with reality. Its so-called Golden Age, which embodied such writers as Turgenev, Tolstoi, Dostoievsky, Andreyev, was full of a deep sadness, yet based quite accurately, as I see it, on the mental and material condition of the Russia of that time.

Now we have a Russia seeking to establish a social quality which is less heartless and less bruising to the spirit of man during his short stay here. Because of this purpose, I note not so much a strain of cheerfulness as of courageous hope which warms and soothes even when it does not bring laughter to the lips.

The Russian mind is realistic. Even now, in its great labor of brushing away the ills of the past and substituting for them in so far as may be, at least, such mental and material comforts a sour modern world offers, nevertheless, it does it in a strong, realistic way. In its plays, novels, films, as I notice, no difficulty in minimized, no weakness of the Russian character, even where it affects and all but frustrates the great ideal which now holds Russia in tether, is glossed over. I have seen film after film out of Russia portraying the great efforts there on foot to raise man to a higher conception of his possibilities and so his destiny, but they are neither discolored nor yet bolstered with lies in any form. If you see the Russian struggling to better things in some way, you see him also wavering and, in times and places, betraying and failing. It is as though he says, "This is life—it happens."

IT SHOWS a nation with a spirit and courage and an innate idealism that is simply stupendous.

Returning to this particular film, The Road To Life, it can be offered as an almost perfect illustration of what I mean: In it you have the natural drama of the Russian temperament in acton, without the hoorah and the blah-ha that would accompany any such effort in any other part of the world. In the intensity of their search for a way out from the natural weakness of man, the adherents of this new social logic may at times overlook or ignore some of the weakness as well as the futilities of the human spirit, but there is no attempt to lie.

In picturing the awful misery that befell these children following the great war, you will see that there is no attempt to minimize the neglect which left hundreds of thousands of them to starve and become almost rats of evil, any more than there is to magnify the resolution of the problem that haunted the official mind, or its realistic determination to do something about it.

In short, the misery of these children and their social recovery is accurate; just as they are pictured here, so I myself saw them in Russia, and commiserated. More, the practical approach and solution is not only dramatic but not intentionally so. It is natural. What they do, how they do, what they say, is all part of an honest and genuine approach toward whatever is before them to do. In harmony with this picture and what it seeks to show, I agree that The Road To Life is through constructive and creative effort and nowhere else. And all the rest which may concern man from now till the day of his doom—idleness, vanity, self-entertainment, what you will, is neither here nore there—just that, a by-the-way, as it were. But the true road to life is through creative effort, energy and achievement, and that is the message of this picture.




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## Previews of Tank's Play This Weekend

Herb Tank's new play, Longitude 49, is being presented by Freedom Theatre for three preview performances this weekend, prior to its premiere on April 21. Seats are available now for these performances, Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, April 14 through April 16, and admission is $1 for new members and 75 cents for old members of the Czechoslovak Workers House, 347 East 72nd St. There will be audience criticism sessions after these performances. Call Rhinelander 4-9237 for theatre parties and reservations.

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## Tenants:

# You Don't Have to Pay More on May 1

A sharp warning to tenants not to succumb to landlords' "voluntary" increase demands and threats of eviction is being sounded by the New York Tenant, Welfare and Consumer Council in preparation for Dewey's rent law which goes into effect May 1.

In 100,000 leaflets to be distributed throughout the city within the next few days by its many affiliates with 250,000 members, the Council also warned tenants against letting landlords deprive them of essential services and repairs. "Don't pay higher rent than that of March 1, 1949," is the fourth important "don't" listed for tenants.

Anticipating a field-day in rent gouges beginning May 1, landlords are already demanding from $5 to $20 monthly increases, the Council disclosed. Under the Dewey law, "voluntary" increases without any limit are permitted. Landlords are therefore letting their tenants know what they consider a "voluntary" boost.

Another trick used by the landlord is to say they are taking their houses off the market. Tenants, thrown into a panic at the hopeless prospect of finding another apartment, are expected by the landlord to come to any terms.

Meanwhile the regional Office of Housing Expeditor, the federal agency, has come to a standstill with tenant complaints going uncared for. Since the Administration has decided to junk the federal law when it comes up for renewal in June, the federal rent offices are just winding up affairs.

Widespread evictions and chaos are expected to result from the Dewey rent law. Landlords are permitted eight grounds for evictions, five of which do not even need a certificate of eviction from the State Rent Commission.

One ground permits eviction if the landlord wants the premises for his immediate family, and provides 28 categories of "immediate family." Another ground is that the landlord wants to alter the apartment "substantially." The tenant is not guaranteed hearings either on his original petition against a rent increase, or on appeal.

# Transit Workers Call for Showdown

By Bernard Burton

The rising militancy against the year-long stalls on their demands was coming to a boil among New York City's 40,000 transit workers as the week closed. Here was the picture in a nutshell:

• The Board of Transportation told Mayor O'Dwyer's Transit Fact Finding Board that it could not "afford" to grant the demands of the CIO Transport Workers Union. Principal demands were the 40-hour week at 48 hours pay and wage increases to bring pay levels up to those on private lines and in other cities.

• TWU maintenance workers were preparing for a half-day stoppage Monday against the practice of downgrading and hounding workers through the use of "medical examinations."

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ALL WEEK LONG the Board of Transportation had been spreading stories in the press that the lines were losing money. A preliminary report claimed that for the eight months ending in February the lines had incurred an operating deficit of $2,065,623.

This, the Board stated, was due to a drop in passengers which took place after the fares had been hiked. That was the same fare hike for which TWU President Michael J. Quill had campaigned as the solution to the workers' problems. Quill had also conducted a purge of militant TWU leaders who had opposed his policy of tying the welfare of the workers to transit revenues and to O'Dwyer's political fortunes.

But the chickens had come home to roost. The Board was not only claiming that it could not afford to grant the long overdue demands. It was also snapping the whip to speed up the workers and to intimidate them out of fighting for their rights in any militant manner.

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THE LATEST GIMMICK was the new wave of physical examinations through which large numbers of workers, mainly motormen, with years of seniority were being forced out of their classifications into lower paid jobs.

Tired of verbal gymnastics which had yielded nothing but worsened conditions, Transit News, newspaper of the TWU Rank and File warned: "Security for the motormen and other transportation employes will not be achieved by publicity stunts or empty threats."

The Rank and File three weeks ago had appealed to TWU officials to call a City Hall demonstration to protest the stalling and the deteriorating conditions. When the officials did nothing, rank and file leaders staged a demonstration on their own. And they did it again last week as O'Dwyer's Fact Finding Boerd resumed hearings.

Goaded by widespread disgust and demands to fish or cut bait, Quill was finding it more and more difficult to maneuver with his circus antics of cancelling strike deadlines as quickly as he announces them.

An indication of that was the rejection, in the latest tally, of Quill-backed proposals to amend Local 100 by-laws in order to eliminate nearly all rank-and-file control.

# Boro Groups Set Up to Fight Mundt Bill

Growing movements on a community, county and citywide scale marked the campaign against the Mundt bill in New York last week.

In Brooklyn, a group of Flatbush clergymen, civic leaders and businessmen launched a community campaign to secure 10,000 signatures against the measure, which will be sent to Sens. Herbert Lehman and Irving Ives. Members of the group included Rev. Karl M. Chworowsky, Rabbi Henry Halpern, Rev. Fred Crossland, Rev. Lynwood P. Taylor, Rabbi Max J. Mintz, Rabbi Jacob J. Newman and Rabbi Maxwell L. Sachs.

In Manhattan a citizens committee to defeat the Mundt Bill was formed under the chairmanship of Prof. Harry Grundfest of Columbia University. First action of the group was to send a wire to President Truman demanding that he speak out against the police state measure.

The growing local movement was reflected in the formation of a citywide coordinating committee at a conference at which former Rep. Jerry O'Connell spoke. Representatives of 28 organizations attended the meeting.

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## Why Pastor Fights Deportation Hysteria

A Protestant Minister Speaks, a message from Rev. John W. Darr, Jr., has been issued in a special folder, it was announced yesterday by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born.

"I support the fight against the deportation hysteria because I am a Protestant minister," Rev. Darr states in his message. "As a Protestant, I am deeply concerned whenever people are persecuted for their ideas. I know from the history of my church that heresy hunts and heresy trials lead to authoritarianism. It was to escape oppression that my Protestant forefathers came to America to give this land many of its landmarks of liberty. . . . This noble heritage is put in jeopardy when men and women face deportation for their ideas. . . ."

# MAY DAY LINE OF MARCH

Following is the tentative line of march for the May Day parade. Additional organizations will be listed later.

**2:00 P.M.—30TH STREET**

**BETWEEN 8TH AND 9TH AVENUES**
Abraham Lincoln Brigade.
United May Day Committee.
International Fur & Leather Workers Union, Furriers Joint Council and Locals, Furriers Joint Board and Locals.

**2:15 P.M.—30TH STREET**

**BETWEEN 9TH AND 10TH AVENUES**
Members International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

**2:30 P.M.—30TH STREET**

**BETWEEN 8TH AND 9TH AVENUES**
Westchester County May Day Committee.
International Jewelry Workers Union, No. 1, AFL.
Members, Joint Council 13, United Shoe Workers.
Distributive Workers Union.
United Furniture Workers, Locals 76, 769, 140.

**2:45 P.M.—30TH STREET**

**BETWEEN 8TH AND 10TH AVENUES**
Marine Workers.
Marine Cooks & Stewards
Members, National Maritime Union.
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Members, Bakery and Confectionery Workers, AFL, Locals 1, 3, 164, 370.

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Meat Cutters.

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Members of Food Workers Local, AFL, Locals 1, 6, 89, 144, Hotel Front Service.

**3:00 P.M. 30TH STREET**

**BETWEEN 10TH & 11TH AVENUES**
New York County May Day Committee.
Lower East Side.
Lower West Side.
Upper West Side.
Washington Heights.
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**3:00 P.M.—32ND STREET**

**BETWEEN 10TH & 11TH AVENUES**
Bronx County May Day Committee.
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Prospect & South Bronx.
Puerto Rican.
Hunts Point, Tremont.
Allerton, Parkchester and Italian.
Mosholu and Fordham.
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**3:30 P.M.—37TH STREET**

**BETWEEN 8TH AND 9TH AVENUES**
Kings County May Day Committee.
Queens County May Day Committee.
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North Shore Area.
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**4:00 P.M.—37TH STREET**

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**5:30 P.M.—36TH STREET**

**BETWEEN 8TH AND 9TH AVENUES**
International Workers Order.

**5:30 P.M.—36TH STREET**

**BETWEEN 9TH AND 10TH AVENUES**
Members, United Electrical and Radio Workers, Locals 430, 475, 1227.
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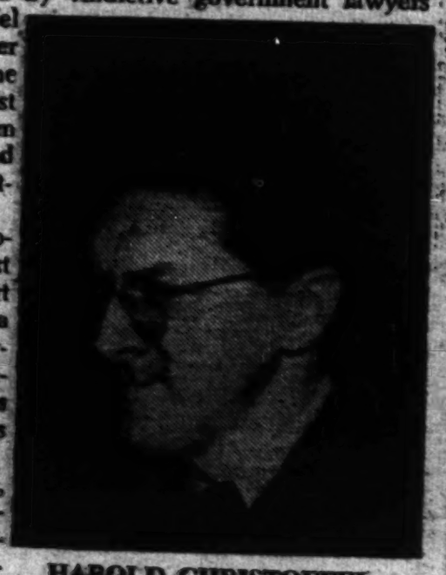

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# Can't Rely on Courts, Christoffel Warns

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON.—Labor's first victim of the Taft-Hartleyites, Harold Christoffel, says labor and the people cannot rely on the courts and their verdicts these days.

Released on $10,000 bail from a federal penitentiary where he'd been consigned by vindictive government lawyers for 45 days, Christoffel doesn't let that feeling bother his plans to fight his case, the case of the 11 Communist leaders, and half a dozen others he feels are stamped out of the same fascist pattern.



HAROLD CHRISTOFFEL

The government has opposed his release on bail last Feb. 23 after a District Court jury found him guilty of a trumped up charge of "perjury" before the House Labor Committee. Six weeks later, the Court of Appeals ordered him released.

Looking thin and tired, but grinning happily, Christoffel talked between mouthfuls of ham about a nation-wide tour he planned.

"Labor has to learn about my frameup, about Harry Bridges' frameup, about the Hollywood Ten, about (Carl) Marzani, and of course, about the 11 Communists," he said.

"Each of these cases is an attempt to intimidate segments of the population—and thereby the whole population," he emphasized. "In my case and Bridges, it's labor. In the Hollywood Ten, it's the professional people. In Marzani, it's the government workers. And then it's all wrapped up in the case of the 11 Communists—that gets everyone."

"Labor has to help fight all these cases, and the Taft-Hartley law and all its frameups." He spoke quickly, the words and thoughts he'd saved up for 45 days pouring out in a torrent.

"Unity is needed in these fights above all," he added. "It didn't just happen that both Bridges and I were tried on perjury raps. It's because Truman and the Taft-Hartleyites are perfecting their technique for future perjury cases under the Taft-Hartley law. They're going to try to get more labor leaders."

The former president of United Auto Workers Local 248 in the Allis-Chalmers plant in Milwaukee, Wis., shook his head sadly as he talked about the way the company wrecked the union after engineering his trial and conviction in 1947. "Since then, the company has had it just the way they want it in the shop. There's been no wage increase since the strike was broken in 1947."

"When unions were growing and getting strong, the bosses tried to split them wide open by putting foreign-born against native-born workers. That was beaten when the native and foreign-born workers worked together to save their unions and each other. Everyone learned you just don't wreck a union because some of its members were born in another country.

"These same union members—and there are millions of them—haven't learned it about red-baiting. They have to see that red-baiting hurts the non-Communists and Communists together. They have to show courage and reject it," he said, slapping the table to underline his words.

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By Lester Rodney

Despite a rash of aching muscles, creaking arms and sore knees, the 1950 baseball season definitely will start on Tuesday and barring rain, 16 big league clubs will take the field to begin the long 154-game parade to glory, disappointment and $$$. The early line favors a repeat performance by the Brooklyn Dodgers in the National League, and the upending of the world champion Yankees by the twice-frustrated, power laden Boston Red Sox in the American. We go along with half that ticket.

There are lots of intriguing questions in these races. In the American League, the outstanding questions are:

Can the Yanks get another big performance from the remarkable 35-year-old Joe DiMaggio, still the game's greatest all round performer when sound? Even if Joe stays in one piece, won't he be fading a little more rapidly past his peak? How about 34-year-old Tommy Henrich, who survived a rough season but is starting this one with an ailing knee? Who's on first? Rizzuto had his greatest year but he's a year older at 32 . . . can the upcoming young men stocking a strong bench fill the gap quickly enough this year and with the powerful pitching pull the Stadiumites through again?

Will the power laden Red Sox, nipped on the final day for two seasons in a row because of bad starts, turn on the heat from the start aided by a schedule which has them at home 22 of their first 30 games, and rocket out of sight to win in a romp?

Can the exciting rookie slugger Luke Easter, plus a pitching revival by Feller and Bearden, put the still vety dangerous Cleveland Indians back on top?

Can Red Rolfe, as shrewd and resourceful a young manager to hit the big time in years, pull a miracle with his Detroit Tigers based on a tremendous outfield, deep and good pitching, and spirit, despite big question marks in several positions?

IN THE NATIONAL, the midwinter notio was Brooklyn bigger and better than ever, possibly to romp as the Cards went into a long expected fading act.

Now there's new excitement in Boston as the Braves, with a refurbished outfield boasting the slugging powers of Sid Gordon and Willard Marshall and the potential talents of rookie Sam Jethroe, plus a pitching comeback by Johnny Sain, are looking up. And the Cards, with Musial in his prime, Slaughter showing no signs of distintegration, and strong basic pitching, have plenty of backing.

Both leagues, as we see it, have three serious pennant contenders and two outside possibilities. I rate the Dodgers, Braves and Cards, Yanks, Bosox and Indians in the first category, the Giants, Phils, Tigers and A's in the second, and out of the flag picture completely the Pirates, Reds, Cubs, Chisox, Browns and Senators.

But enough of this shilly shallying. Let's pick 'em in order with a few words on each team. First the American League.

### Indians

Here are the reasons I see a return of Cleveland to the top. First, they have added long range power in the booming bat of Luke Easter, who through the spring circuit began to show that his prodigious slugging on the Coast last year was not a flash in the pan. A fast big



HOW'S THAT KNEE? TOMMY HENRICH

man who has surprised as a rightfielder, this 6-4, well muscled Negro star is the type who can turn things upside down if he gets the range and holds it.

The Indians dropped from first to third last season. One of the big reasons was the drop in Lou Boudreau's batting mark from .355 to .284, and though he was coming fast at season's end, it was too late. Lou himself says he came to camp overweight and out of shape after an unavoidable winter on the banquet circuit, but he's ready and sharp this time.

Potent reserve strength has come along to change the picture. Behind the slick Mickey Vernon at first is Herb Conyers, who rapped .355 for the Texas League title and r.b.i.'d 134 runs. Putting a new bark in the batting order and resting the classy receiving Jim Hegan is Jim Murray, who batted in 94 in the Texas and has looked even better than that.

There's a lot of talk about the Detroit and Boston outfields, but what's wrong with Cleveland's dazzling all star trio? Dale Mitchell, one of the constantly great post war stars, was the only A.L. player to get 200 hits last year, led in triples with 23 and hit .317. Larry Doby, supposedly having an "off year", batted a productive .280 and hit 24 homers, third highest in the league.

The youngster who came right out of the Negro league into the big time figures to improve some in his third year. Then there's Easter and an improved Allie Clark tigl.ting to get into things.

Al Rosen could make a big difference at third and Bob Kennedy can always do a better than competent job there. Rapidly developing filler in for Joe Gordon is little touted Beto Avila, a sleeper who could emerge suddenly with a bang.

It should be recalled that the Indian pitching staff last year had the lowest earned run percentage in the majors, this despite lame duck performances by Feller and Bearden, both of whom look much more like their old selves this spring. Bellcow of course is the strong armed steady 20 game winner, Bob Lemon, and young Mike Garcia is ready and willing as a strong second ace. Early Wynn and Sam Zoldak are two nominees for surprise performances here, and an acquisition of importance is Jesse Flores, once a consistent winner with the A's, who came back with 21 and 10 for San Diego last year.

That's it. I like the ballclub, think the outfield is tops offensively the pitching great, and Easter potent enough to tip the balance.

### Red Sox

You don't have to strain to make out a case for the Boston Red Sox to finish at least second. The difficulty is always in figuring how come they don't do it . . . easy.

The Sox last year had four hitters who hit over .300, three who who drove more than 100 runs across, including the top two of either league, the two winningest pitchers in the league in Parnell and Kinder, and the devastation of the game's greatest and most prolific hitter, Ted Williams.

They have the same team back, except that rightfielder Al Zarilla, an important acquisition, is there all season. He knocked over 80 runs in part time duty. Mickey McDermott, the "next Grove," should presumably make the pitching better.

So why don't I pick 'em, especially since they're apt to get a much faster start due to the schedule break? On intangibles, the fact that Stephens, Doerr and Dom are a year older, not to mention Tebbetts, that something somehow always seemed lacking when the Sox came up to the big moment, that Kinder won't repeat his surprise big year and McDermott will be less than another Grove.

But, who knows?

### Yanks

Briefly on the Yanks. We thought they would fade to third last year and they picked up all the marbles. Can't see DiMaggio and Henrich, the two big guns, going all out long enough this year. The team is in an inbetween stage, with subtly fading stars, and up and coming replacements of the Bauer, Martin type not yet ready to go it alone. This despite pitching which could be as good as any in front line strength, and Joe Page still around.

Of course, it's always dangerous to count out the likes of Joe DiMaggio, at any age.

### Tigers

I think the Detroit outfield of Wertz, Groth and Evers is great and will be even better. The pitching, headed up by the formidable young Houtteman and backed by Trucks, Hutchinson, Newhouser, Gray and Rogovin, can't be bad. But I don't see the club as a real flag threat because I think Priddy is a little overrated and past his peak at second, Kryhoski is not yet a class player, and Lipon not a pennant winning shortstop. Kell is swell, and young Ginsberg could be the league's coming catcher. But too many ifs.

### White Sox

Like the Chisox to come up a way, with Gus Zernial back in form and one of the authentic righthand power sockers, an exceptionally talented young shortstop rookie in Al Carresquel, bought cheaply from the Brooklyn chain at 30 Gs, more infield punch from Majeski at the price of a little speed, and a flock of lefthanded pitchers who will make some teams sorry. Bill Wight, Bob Kusava and Billy Pierce really have it and are coming fast. The second named could move along soon into the premier southpaw spot in the league. Randy Gumpert is now an established righthander.

Big hole is at first. If the Sox can pry Mickey Vernon from Cleveland without giving up too much they'd even be a good outside bet for the first division. So it seems from here. Watch that Carresquel. They tell me he has it.

### A's

I'll get a big fight from Philly on this, but can't see the A's for beans. True, they got Dillinger, but they had plenty of good scatter hitters. They simply don't have the big booming punch and the pitching can't carry the attack. Take the classy infield combine. Joost tapered off to .263 and is getting along. Suder is a .267 rapper. Fain, never what he was touted, was .263. And the outfield hasn't the big guns to carry this crew.

### Browns

The Browns have a rugged path ahead but should beat out the Nats in the fight for the cellar, despite the handicap of an all year psychologist on the bench. Sievers and Kokos in the outfield are genuine articles, Garver and Fannin are pitchers, Moss an underrated young catcher and Billy De Mars a much better shortstop than the Browns have had since Stephens left.

If Al Widmar, 22-game winner at Baltimore, is given the ridiculously low minimum salary he wants, the staff will shape up a little better. But the De Witts seem to prefer to lose him and invoke the baseball blacklist to keep him out. If they do, I hope Widmar wins his lawsuit and makes the Browns and Happy Chandler pay through the nose.

Say, looks like we'll have to hold the National League till next week, with full detailed rundowns on each of the eight teams, whose order we have already selected. Nothing that happens between Tuesday and next weekend can make what we write for next week's papers TOO silly.

Meanwhile, if you think we're way off on any of the teams, why just say so and you'll find it in print. We like arguments as much as the next guys.

And have you sent along your contribution to the fund drive of our fighting paper to keep it going for peace? If you haven't, and maybe if you agree with my pennant choices (ahem), why not send it credit of this writer and it will be happily acknowledged.

## JUST ONE MAN'S OPINION

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## WORKER Sports



A BIG YEAR LEFT? Joe DiMaggio

## The 'Line' Says Dodgers, Bosox

ST. LOUIS, (UP).—Oddsmaker James J. Carroll established the Boston Red Sox 13 to 10 favorites to win the American League pennant and the Brooklyn Dodgers 6 to 5 choice in the National.

Other odds in the American are New York Yankees, 5 to 2; Detroit Tigers 4 to 11, Cleveland Indians 6 to1, Philadelphia Athletics 10 to 1, Chicago White Sox 60 to 1, and St. Louis Browns and Washington 100 to 1 each.

In the National the St. Louis Cardinals are 3 to1, Boston Braves 4 to1, Philadelphia Phils 8 to1, New York Giants 13 to 1, Pittsburgh Pirates 20 to 1 and Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds 50 to 1 each.

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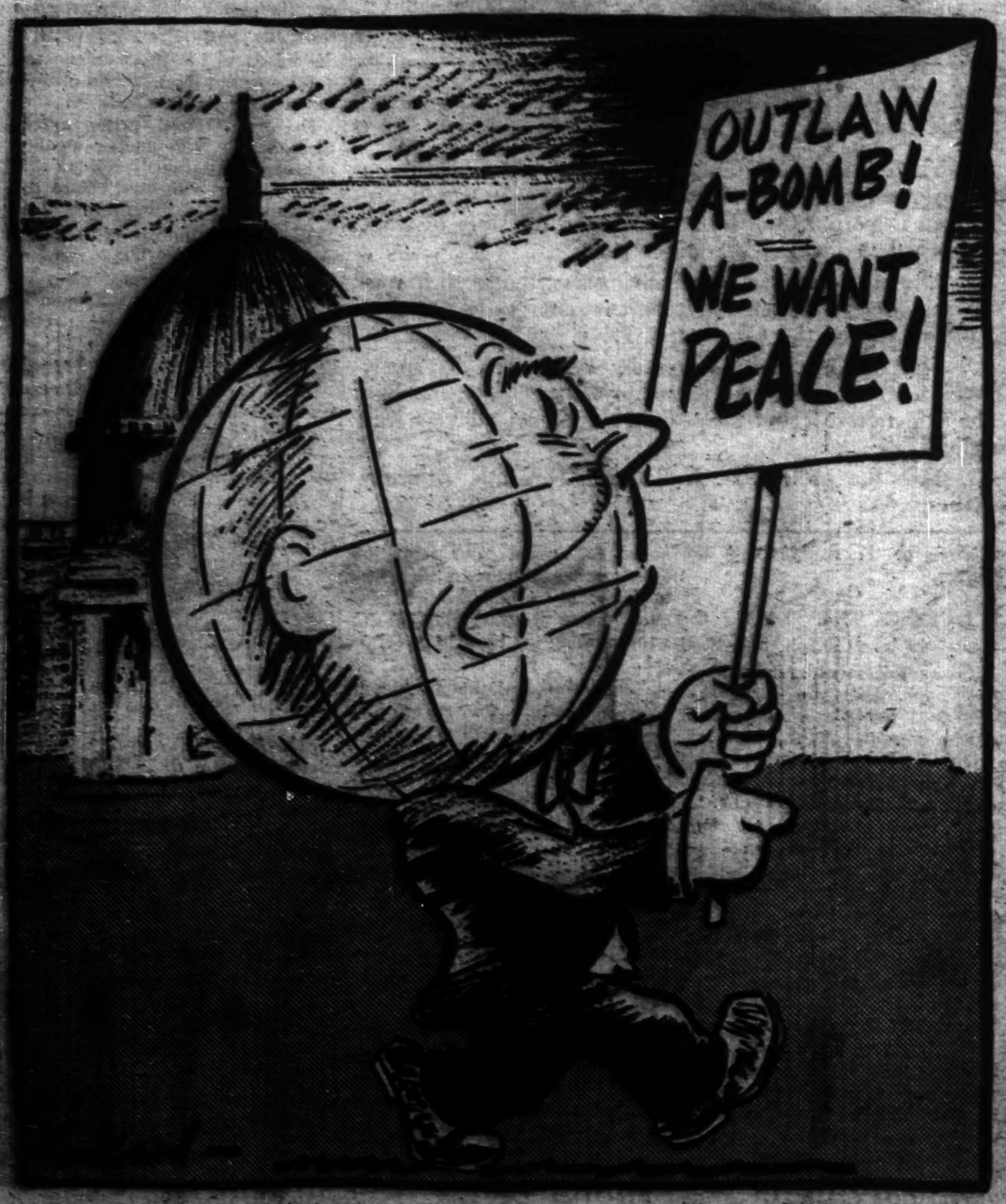
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# WHY WAS B-29 OVER USSR?

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## STRIKE AT GM PLANT

DEFIANCE, O.—One thousand workers at the General Motors foundry, defying a lack of strike authorization from the CIO United Auto Workers headquarters in Detroit, walked out here with the demand that grievances be adjusted.

## LAUNCH MUNDT BILL FIGHT

CLEVELAND, O.—Nearly 200 organizations affiliated with the Jewish Community Council of Cleveland have been called upon by the local organization to send protests against the Mundt thought control bill to members of the Senate and Congress.

## JAIL 23 UNIONISTS

WARREN, O.—Twenty-three men and women who defied a strikebreaking injunction at the Taylor-Winfield plant here started serving jail sentences running from 10 to 30 days. The strike was conducted by Local 750 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union.

# GM Attempts Auto Council Disruption

**CLEVELAND, O.—The influence of the powerful General Motors Corp., working through the local Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, is viewed here as responsible for recent attempts to disrupt the District Auto Council of the CIO United Auto Workers.**

But the swiftly rising militancy of the auto workers, who are welding a new unity without regard for old factional groupings, promises to override the plot to split the various locals on the eve of a strike at General Motors.

The disruption took the form of a concerted effort to have local unions withdraw from the auto council and thereby cut off contributions to the strike fund and weaken the council as a center for strike support in the industry.

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**IN EACH** instance the withdrawal moves could be traced to persons either directly affiliated with the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists or in sympathy with its aims.

**"That's not surprising," one local auto leader explained. "The ACTU was against the coal miners strike and is now attempting to persuade labor that it should 'reform' Taft instead of defeating him.**

**"Behind all this ACTU red-baiting has been the real program—helping the corporations. Now it's coming out in the open."**

It was learned, too, that a high CIO official, sent into Cleveland some years ago for the sole purpose of destroying the democracy of the central labor body, has been working hand in hand with the ACTU.

The CIO Council is dead today under right wing dictatorship, and the fear exists among Philip Murray's lieutenants here that the auto council will emerge as the fighting center of CIO activity.

Joe Taylor, defeated ACTU candidate for the presidency of White Motor local, was successful in pulling a blitz at a poorly attended meeting of the shop and in the name of "economy" got approval of withdrawal from the council.

Taylor claimed that White Motor didn't need help in the future from the Auto Council strike fund.

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**HIS ECONOMY** plea went over because of the fact that the administration of the local has been lavish in the expenditure of funds from the treasury. However, the money has not gone to strikes. For example, 15 delegates to the state CIO convention were paid $30 a day for six days, although the convention lasted only a few days.

The second withdrawal was announced by James Simone of Local 383 at Pesco. Simone, who has never attended an Auto Council meeting, is allied with the ACTU. He claimed that his local never received strike assistance during a recent 10-day walkout.

The Auto Council had a difficult time in getting a strike report on Pesco, where practically nothing was won in the settlement, and sent a committee to inspect the books at Pesco. The finances were found to be "sound and substantial."

Another ally of the ACTU, John Harmody, defeated as president of the Midland Steel local, is understood to be agitating for withdrawal from the Council.

Harmody has claimed that the Council is "the little Kremlin," although the head of the council is Pat O'Malley, regional director elected with right wing backing.

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**ACTUALLY**, there is no clear cut right and left wing in the Council. The former lines of division are dissolving and a new force is emerging on the basis of a fighting program against the auto corporations. This force is commanding the majority support in the Council.

**In a letter addressed to all auto locals, the Auto Council declared:**

**At the present time, as is well known, the auto and parts industry as a whole is opposing the union in as fierce a manner as it has not for some time past. We have in the City of Cleveland many small and medium locals. These local unions must have assistance of an Auto Council if they are to make any gains and preserve their standards in the immediate days ahead.**

**"At the same time you are also aware of the fact that a new contract with the GM Corp., employing about 13,000 people here in Cleveland, is being negotiated. The GM workers are asking for a 9-cent wage increase, a pension program and an improved contract. At the moment it appears that the GM workers will be compelled to strike in order to win their demands.**

**"Their victory would, of course, be a victory for all the auto workers in the City of Cleveland. But the GM workers in Cleveland need a united Auto Council in order to help them on the rough path ahead.**

**"You can see, therefore, how important it is to have solidarity and unity in our ranks at the present time."**

# OHIO BID ACCEPTED BY WILLIAMSON



JOHN WILLIAMSON

## Send Protest to McGrath

**CLEVELAND, O.—John Williamson, national trade union secretary of the Communist Party and former Ohio chairman, has accepted an invitation to speak at a May Day rally here "conditional on your winning the right to travel for me."**

Williamson expressed his acceptance in a letter received by Robert Campbell, chairman of the Cleveland May Day Committee.

Campbell, also chairman of the Communist Party of Cleveland, immediately called for resolutions and individuals demands upon Attorney General J. Howard McGrath in Washington insisting that the government withdraw its travel ban on the 11 leaders of the Party convicted of advocating socialism.

"We want John Williamson for our meeting and the people of Cleveland and Ohio will surely back our appeal in order to be able to hear one of the victims of the infamous frameup at Foley Square," Campbell said.

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CAMPBELL, himself in the name of the May Day Committee sent a formal request to McGrath asking him "to agree to relaxation of the restrictions on travel imposed by the Circuit Court of Appeals."

Williamson's letter recalled his activity in Ohio and hit sharply against the character of the trial and the attempts to establish a police state.

"I gladly accept your invitation to speak at the Cleveland May Day Rally together with Comrade Gus Hall," the national Party leader wrote. "I also welcome your pledge to renew the campaign for the right of all members of our national Committee to travel freely and place the issues in the Foley Square frameup against the Bill of Rights before the American people.

"The restrictions that have been placed upon us nullify the essential meaning of the constitutional right to bail, which carries with it the obligation to suspend judgement as well as punishment pending review of the far-reaching issues raised in our trial."

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ALL DEMOCRATIC America, and in the first place the workers, will readily understand the purposes behind our confinement in the Southern District of New York," Williamson asserted.

"The Wall Street monopolies and their bipartisan agents who conspired to use our trials as a springboard for further assaults on the liberty of the people do not want us to expose their game. They are afraid to let the people hear from our own lips that I and my ten co-defendants were convicted solely for advocating united action against the warmongers and pro-fascists, and for teaching the principles of scientific socialism.

"They don't want the people to hear that no single overt act was charged against us, and that books were placed in evidence and on trial with us. Above all, these architects of a police state in our country fear that the workers will learn from us that their own freedom is bound up inseparably with our fight for the constitutional rights of the Communist Party and our personal liberty.

"My life, my beliefs and my activities are no secret from the workers and people of Ohio, among whom I lived for many years. I am proud of the work I contributed to the unionizing of the workers in the auto, rubber, steel and other industries; to the organizing of the unorganized; the fight for Negro-white unity, and the many other activities of the workers and the people.

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"DURING THE TRIAL the prosecution's stool pigeons tried to falsify this record which is an open book. They alleged that in 1939-40 I was playing some kind of sinister and conspiratorial role in Ohio. But the workers in Cleveland will recall that it was precisely during this period that I spoke at many public meetings, including two very large meetings in the Public Auditorium, wrote many articles and gave interviews which appeared in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Press and News.

"Today, Ohio workers are playing an important part in the fight to outlaw the H-bomb, defeat the Mundt Bill, repeal the infamous Taft-Hartley Act, and adopt FEPC. The trade unions today are called upon to defend not only the welfare and living standards of the workers, but also their very existence which is threatened by the war drive of the economic royalists, the GOP Ohio Gang and the Truman administration.

"Ohioans, Negro and white, honor the memory of Charles Rothenberg and the record made by our Party in the struggle for peace, equality, economic security and socialism.

"For these persons I am doubly eager to accept your invitation, and to bring our case to the people of Ohio. My acceptance is, however, necessarily conditional on your winning the right to travel for me.

"I am confident that the people of Cleveland—in the tradition of Tom L. Johnson—will wage a determined and winning struggle on this issue. I look forward to celebrating this victory with you in Cleveland."

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BECAUSE of the important issue involved in getting authority for Williamson to appear in Cleveland, the meeting has taken on state-wide importance, Campbell said.

"We urge the steel workers of Youngstown, the miners of the Ohio Valley, the rubber workers of Akron, the auto workers of Toledo to join with all other sections of the workingclass to make it possible for Williamson to tell the story of the trial to an Ohio audience," Campbell explained.



ROBERT CAMPBELL

## Bring Him Here!

There is no doubt that the people of Ohio, even those who do not agree with the Communist Party, would like to hear in person from John Williamson the story of what happened in the Foley Square "trial."

The public generally is realizing that the word frame-up is properly associated with any charges relating to Communism or the Communist Party.

The working class, served by Williamson for many years in Ohio, must take the main responsibility enabling the Communist leader to speak at the Cleveland May Day rally.

Fire the protests at J. Howard McGrath, Attorney General, Washington, D. C.

## LABOR PROTEST RISES AGAINST MUNDT BILL

**YORKVILLE, O.—Defeat of the Mundt Bill was called for in a resolution adopted at a meeting of Local 4472 of the United Mine Workers of America.**

**Officers signing a statement against the thought control measure included Harold Woods, president; Mike Kalman, financial secretary; John Yandove, treasurer; Edward Vitelsner, recording secretary, and Patrick J. Leonard, vice president.**

**At Akron the large Goodrich Local No. 5 of the CIO United Rubber Workers passed a resolution condemning the Mundt Bill. Earlier the Akron CIO Council took action against the measure.**

## Rubber Workers Intent on Raise

AKRON, O.—The demand for a wage increase in the rubber industry, stimulated by the success of the miners' strike and the need of workers for meeting the cost of living, has been spreading rapidly in all rubber shops in the Akron area.

Goodrich Local 5 of the CIO United Rubber Workers adopted a resolution calling upon president L. S. Buckmaster to convene the international policy committee to make plans for a fight for a wage increase in 1950.

This was followed by like action at a meeting of Firestone Local 7. The Firestone action is of particular importance in view of the conservative Leadership of president I. H. Watson who admitted that the action was taken without a dissenting vote.

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WATSON made this statement: "The members feel that the international policy committee must begin to make plans for the rest of the year. I realize that the international officers are striving to complete the tremendous task of negotiating the 1949 wage program with the various companies but the heads of the local unions can only carry out the mandate of their respective membership."

In other words Watson agrees with the no wage increase policy of the international and at the same tiem tries to bow before the demand of the membership.

Watson, like other right wingers in the rubber union, bowed before the wage demands from the rank and file last year but proceeded to sabotage this program by inactivity.

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THE WAGE clause of three of the Big Four rubber companies expire before the year is over, enabling the local unions to demand wage increases this year.

The Firestone agreement will be re-opened on wages after July 1, the Goodrich contract will be re-opened next month and at Goodyear the wage question may be re-opened prior to 1951.

## Impressed by Article on Miners

The drive of the Ohio Edition of The Worker for $500 to help bring socialist thinking through the press and other literature to the miners continues with contributions coming from all sections of the state.

Typical of the letters received was one from P. W. and H. W. of Toledo who wrote:

"Just finished reading an article from Masses and Mainstream entitled 'The Miners: A Battle Report.' This inspiring article is the cause for our sending $1 to the miners' press fund. Reading this article gives a clearer understanding of the militancy of the miners and why it exists."

## Honor Scotty Williamson In Akron

AKRON, O.—Akron will pay tribute to its grand old man of the labor movement, "Scotty" Williamson at a banquet this Saturday, April 15 at 7 p.m. at the Russian American Citizens Club, 1168 Ackley St.

The turn of the mid-century marks 50 years of service to the labor movement by "Scotty."

A close co-worker and personal friend of William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, "Scotty" richly contributed to the growth and fighting spirit of the labor movement and especially to the rubber workers' union in Akron.

"Scotty" worked hand in hand with another Williamson, John Williamson, then the Ohio secretary of the Communist Party, in lending assistance to the rubber workers who were breaking away from the old craft union setup and forming a powerful industrial union.

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HE IS known and loved by thousands of Akron workers who also remember him as a courageous leader of the unemployed during the depression days.

The banquet, in addition, will be an occasion to pay tribute to the old timers, native and foreign born, Negro and white, whose devotion and loyalty build the labor movement in this area.

An elaborate steak dinner will be served and there will be a program of entertainment.

## Heave for Union

WARREN, O. — The Republic Steel Local here has bought the property of the Central Christian church for $125,000.

## Blesses Three Dems

CLEVELAND, O. — The CIO Political Action Committee in Cleveland decided to "play it safe" by indorsing three candidates for the Democratic senatorial nomination in the May primary. The PAC did not make any demands on the three, State Auditor Joseph Ferguson, Professor Henry Miller Busch and Mayor Michael V. DiSalle of Toledo.

## Taft Chain Letter

CINCINNATI, O.—Forces backing United States Senator Robert A. Taft have sent a flood of letters to women throughout Ohio in an attempt to organize a chain letter campaign behind Taft on an anti-labor basis.

## Transit Slowdown

CLEVELAND, O.—Street cars on the Euclid-Lorain run moved at a snail's pace as transit operators refused to violate safety regulations when the cars were converted to one-man operation. Schedules were as late as 33 minutes.

## PROFIT: WHY ENGLAND MOVES AGAINST MALAY

LONDON (ALN).—Why Britain has suppressed the Pan-Malayan Trade Union Federation and why she is fighting the Malayan independence movement with fire, sword and bombs from the air, was made clear by some new profit figures published here. Twenty British companies which mine tin in Malaya, using cheap labor there, increased their annual profit from 900 million pounds to 1½ billion pounds between 1947 and 1949. One firm, the Kramat Pulai Tin Co., announced a dividend of 300 percent this year; four others paid over 50 percent. Most dividends are over four times those paid two years ago. So profitable is the business of filching Malaya's tin and rubber, instead of paying higher wages or letting her people produce and sell them for their own benefit, that the U. S. is pressing Britain for an "open door" for investment there. U. S. arms shipments to Britain, including armored cars and other equipment, are being increasingly earmarked for Malaya, where the independence guerillas grow stronger despite attempts to smash them.

## Akron Rent Steal Pushed Again

AKRON, O.—Another stab at increasing rents will be made here when City Council conducts a hearing on rent decontrol May 4.

Council rushed through rent decontrol before, but it was thrown out by Governor Lausche because of the lack of a public hearing.

## SOUTH SIDE IN Action

THE RECENT Acheson-Truman demand for total diplomacy has threatening, menacing meaning for the entire American working class and its allies. This demand calling for the total mobilization of every energy and resource behind the H-bomb cold war program of Big Business holds special dangers for 15 million Negro people. It spells danger to us on the South Side.



The failure of the Marshall plan and the deepening of the economic crisis has forced the administration and its Republican collaborators to put forward the demand of total diplomacy in a desperate effort to persuade the American people to surrender their constitutional rights and to become slaves of war diplomacy.

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THE CALL for "total diplomacy" can only mean that the administration wants to put an end to all criticism and to all opposition. Fearing the people's growing demand for peace, the militarists in control of the government want to silence all talk of peace. They want an end to the demand for civil rights, for jobs, for housing and for the rights of labor. But this is not all. The administration not only wants to end all talk and organization for these needs, but wants people to stop thinking about them. It demands that they surrender their thoughts and ideas in the interest of the cold war—which Truman and Acheson want to make hot.

This cry of "total diplomacy" carries with it the need to mobilize 15 million Negro citizens behind a program which serves to continue British and French colonial oppression of Africa. In short, oppressed American Negroes are urged to join hands with their oppressors to further the exploitation of their brothers and sisters in Africa. They are asked to help throttle the rising democracies in Europe and Asia.

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THE HARNESSING of "every resource" as demanded by Acheson can only result in cutting short the fight of the Negro people in America for their own democratic freedoms. The Negro people in the South, victims of taxation without representation and of lynch-justice are being asked to surrender their fight for the right to vote and for full representation and against the klan-like justice. They are asked to use their every resource and energy for the hydrogen-bomb war, which can only spell their ultimate, complete destruction.

Negroes on Chicago's South Side are being asked to give up their fight for public housing, for an FEPC, for jobs, relief, and an end to mob violence.

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FOR NEGRO-AMERICANS to accept the Truman-Acheson total diplomacy is to take the path of suicide. This demand is but one more method by which the administration expresses its abandonment of the fight for civil rights.

However, the administration knows full well that the people, Negro and white, will not commit suicide, will not surrender the struggle for their democratic rights, will not give up the fight for peace. Therefore the propaganda and demagogy of the Truman Administration is accompanied by the ushering into Congress of the Nazi-like Mundt-Ferguson and Woods bills. These two police state bills repre-

# Milwaukee Asks: 'Ban Beer For Jimcrow in Breweries'

CHICAGO.—Chicago citizens are being appealed to by their Milwaukee brothers to support them in the fight to end the 100-year-old ban on the employment of Negroes in Milwaukee breweries. Dan Travis, representative of the Afro-American newspaper, in a talk with the editor of this paper recently in Milwaukee, requested that all Negroes and progressive white friends stop drinking Milwaukee beers until the breweries abandon their Jimcrow policies.

Citing Milwaukee as the capital of the brewing industry, civil rights groups and interracial agencies are joined to force the Milwaukee breweries to abolish their all-white hiring policy and employ Negroes.

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AN EXAMPLE of their flagrant disregard for Milwaukee's Negro citizens is dramatized by the fact that three of the largest breweries are located in or adjacent to the Sixth Ward, which has a predominantly Negro population and where unemployment is two or three times as high as in the rest of the city.

Equal blame for the situation is being placed on the CIO Brewery Local 9. This local, lily-white and under the leadership of Philip Murray and the rightwing of the CIO, has made no effort to admit and integrate Negro workers in the local.

Various groups are entering the campaign. Most active is the recently-organized Tavern Keepers Association of the Sixth Ward. Embracing 38 taverns and night clubs in the Negro community, they took a positive stand on the side of their Negro patrons and switched to buying beer made outside the city. The Mayors Commission on Human Rights is being urged to take a positive stand on the issue.

Writes Dan Travis: "If Chicago will join us in this fight, they can help a lot toward compelling them to hire Negro help."

sent the big-stick method through which the administration hopes it can bludgeon the people into submission. For what the administration thinks it cannot get through honey-coated demagogy, it hopes to get through intimidation and terrorization. Hence the Mundt-Ferguson bill is a key instrument in the cold war policy. Even this is not all: Truman and Acheson and the millionaire war-makers of this country know that the American people will fight the Mundt-Ferguson and Woods bills, that they will not accept the police-state legislation.

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IN ORDER TO WEAKEN, to divide and divert the organized struggles of the Negro people and their allies, to disrupt their fight against the Mundt-Ferguson bill and the hydrogen-bomb war, the Truman administration is making full use of the all-too-willing services of the Negro Uncle-Toms, reformists, social-democrats, and Trotskyites. Here the A. Phillip Randolphs and the Willard Townsends, Lester Granger, the Roy Wilkinses and George Schuylers have hired themselves out to disrupt from within the Negro people's movements, to split the progressive forces through the utilization of red-baiting and other forms of treachery. What the administration cannot get through demagogy, or waving the big stick, it feels it can get through the treacherous services of these enemies within the ranks of the Negro people, whose main function is to deliver the Negro people into the hands of the cold war oppressors.

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THE DEMAND for total diplomacy will meet with no more success than has the administration's attempt to stifle the growing people's demand for freedom and for peace throughout the world. Contrary to the hopes of the administration the people in America and everywhere are rejecting the idea of the cold war, are demanding the outlawing of the A-Bomb and are firmly marching along the path to peace.

The task of the Communists and the progressives is to work for the unity and organization of the growing peace elements among the Negro people and for driving out of the lackeys who would divert us from this task.

## Mrs. Robeson to Speak April 14



MRS. ROBESON

CHICAGO.—Mrs. Eslande Robeson, recently returned from the women's peace meetings in China and the Soviet Union, will center her main discussion on the women in the New China, when she speaks at the Rally being held at the Metropolitan Community Church, at 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, at 4100 South Parkway.

This was announced by the meeting's sponsers, the Women's Division of the Progressive Party.

Mrs. Robeson, who spoke as an official delegate in both China and the Soviet Union, will bring her impressions and observations on the status of woman in those countries to Chicago audiences for the first time since her return.

Miss Pearl Hart, noted attorney and champion of civil rights, will chair the meeting. Boris Steinberg, Chicago business man, just returned from Europe, will also be featured on the program. Mrs. T. J. Griffin will render a number of musical selections. Rev. Joseph Evans, pastor of Metropolitan Community Church, will deliver the Invocation.

Greeting Mrs. Robeson will be P. P. National Committeewomen Mrs. Lillian Larvenette and Mrs. Jean Kosmand.

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Following the rally, the 1st Congressional District of the Progressive Party will tender an informal reception for this famous woman at their headquarters at 906 E. 43 St., Room 11. Mrs. Robeson will answer questions raised by progressive party members and generally mingle with the crowd. Chairman Lester Fox and Committeeman Joseph Larvanette of the 3rd Ward will handle arrangements of the affair.

## Tenants Take On Rent Taker

Tenants at 4053 S. Ellis Ave. were preparing last week to teach their landlord some simple arithmetic, which would net them, they figured, hundreds of dollars each in rent rebates.

Landlord Seymour Goodman, they told our reporter, had been subtracting services and adding rent raises since 1947, when he ousted out white tenants and admitted Negroes in their place. Since their admission, linen service, janitor service, telephone service, and decorating have been eliminated.

The tenants discovered a few weeks ago that their landlord was even more "efficient" in his additions. Chicago Rent Office registrations, obtained with the help of the Chicago Tenants Action Council, revealed that rents of some 41 tenants had been raised by $5 to $10 a week, while these services were subtracted.

Below is a sampling of the tenants' records:

| Tenant | Ceiling Rent weekly | Rent Since 1947 |
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| Mrs. Harriet Brown | $6 | $16 |
| Mrs. Alma Davis | 4 | 9 |
| Mrs. Margie Harper | 4 | 13 |
| Robert Thompson | 4.50 | 14 |
| Beasie Brown | 2.89 | 10 |
| Nathaniel Jackson | 6 | 15 |
| Jaruthea Coleman | 3.78 | 12 |
| Mrs. Sehanks | 6 | 15 |

When tenants, on advice of the Tenants Council, refused to pay more than the ceiling rent, the landlord countered with subpoenas ordering them into court for non-payment of rent.

Mrs. Audrey Jackson, chairman of the tenants group, was confident of victory. "We're guilty of paying our legal rent," she said.

## NAACP Opposes Mundt-Ferguson

CHICAGO. — Defeat of the Mundt-Ferguson-Johnson bill was called for by the Annual Midwest Conference of the National Association of Colored People held in Des Moines, Iowa, last weekend. A resolution adopted by that body read as follows: In order to guarantee civil liberties and first class citizenship to all people, we call for the defeat of the Mundt-Ferguson-Johnson Bill and all similar oppressive legislation. The conferences also called for the revocation of the various "loyalty" programs.

Two hundred delegates from 16 states and representing 30,000 NAACP members deliberated upon those issues facing the organization. The Chicago delegation, headed by Nelson Willis, branch chairman, included Mrs. Jewel Stradford Rogers, and Mrs. Ima Jean Johnson. Also from Chicago were state president Rev. Johnson and secretary Mrs. Faith Rich. Delegates from East St. Louis, Evanston, Maywood and Peoria were also present.

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EXPRESSING DEEP CONCERN over growing unemployment the conference passed a resolution calling upon the federal government to develop plans to combat the pending crisis.

Nelson Willis, chairman of the Chicago chapter, proposed a resolution to be sent to Sen. Scott Lucas and other Senators demanding that they vote on cloture when FEPC comes up in the Senate.

The dramatic moment at the conference occurred when five delegates from Alton stood up and were identified as the men who defied Klanlike mobsters who burned fiery crosses to frighten Negro citizens away from the campaign to force the admission of Negro children to unsegregated schools.

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ATTORNEY BILLY JONES told the story of the magnificent fight of Negro mothers and children in a three-day stand against Jimcrow school policies. "These mothers," he said, "took their children to be enrolled in schools in their neighborhood. After being refused registration, some of the little ones wanted to go home, but upon hearing from their mothers the reason for their remaining, they began to understand what Jimcrow meant to them. They sat in the unfilled seats in the classrooms awaiting admission.

"School officials," he declared, "unscrewed the chairs and removed them from the school so that the children might be discouraged. Undaunted, they stood in the halls and waited. Toilet facilities were refused them, but they stood their ground.

"Having failed with threats and intimidation against parents and pupils, the powers that be," he pointed out, "decided that more direct pressure was needed. Parents were threatened with the loss of their jobs if they did not give up the struggle for school equality. The number of children dropped from 30 to 10.

"The NAACP chapter had to develop a new strategy. Injunction proceedings were instituted. The progressive forces of East St. Louis are being mobilized for an all-out fight," he concluded.

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SEGREGATION in schools and discrimination in education were condemned by this Midwest confab. Support of low-cost, unsegregated housing was also included in the statement of policy.

The education of NAACP members to support issues and candidates was stressed at the session in a discussion on political action. Attorney Charles Howard lashed out at the present policy of the organization. He accused them of being tied to the coat-tail of the Democratic Party while maintaining a verbal policy of nonpartisanship. He called upon the NAACP to adopt a genuine nonpartisan policy and to make the major issue the fight for the rights of the Negro people.

## A Voice from Labor

# MOORE DRAWS STRONG SUPPORT

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—The campaign of John R. Moore for nomination on the Democratic ticket for state representative at the May 2 primary election has stirred more interest here and in Campbell and Struthers than any other candidacy in the coming election.

In recent years, securing of the Democratic nomination means election in November.

First Negro ever to run for the state legislature on the Democratic ticket from Mahoning County, Moore or "J. R." as he is hailed by thousands of steel workers, is almost equally known as a community leader, athlete, church leader and spokesman for organized labor. Though never before active in politics, he is being supported on the basis of his record as a spokesman for the common people by an unprecedented coalition of Republican, Democratic, Progressive and independent voters from all walks of life.

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**MOORE** was originally asked to run by a non-partisan committee formed in February, 1950. The committee was interested in finding a popular candidate free of political obligations whose election would help buck the lily-white line up of the state legislature, and who would help give better representation to all the working people of this industrial county.

The committee, feeling that Moore would make the ideal candidate, decided to take the name of John R. Moore for State Representative Boosters Club.

Head of the original committee is Harry Irvin of Youngstown, an outstanding Republican leader, and it included Mrs. Irvin, Mr. Charles Radcliffe of Campbell, Democratic Precinct Chairman in Campbell, Campaign Manager; and George Clardy of Youngstown, a deacon of Jerusalem Baptist Church, publicity manager.

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**AMONG** the leading personalities on the sponsoring committee are Horace C. Emerson of the Emerson Funeral Home in Youngstown, a Republican Executive Committee member, who was elected Treasurer of the Moore Committee, Mrs. Mary Hawks, leading East Side Democratic Committeewoman, and Mrs. Mada W. Brown who were chosen Secretaries; Mrs. Pearl L. Thomas, Democratic precinct committeewoman, Mrs. Gelena Poe, Republican precinct committeewoman, the Rev. Edward Jackson, pastor St. John's AME Church in Struthers, Eleasar Taylor, Jerome Crockett, and Mrs. Pauline Taylor, a National committeewoman of the Progressive Party, member of Shiloh Church, and a National Board member of the International Workers Order.

In addition to all-out support from the large Negro community here, Moore's progressive platform is winning the attention of Slavic, Italian and other nationality voters in the county.

His candidacy is winning the support of the rank and file of labor in all the steel mills and shops of the district. He has been endorsed unanimously by Local 1462 USA-CIO, of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Briar Hill plant, by the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Local in Struthers, and by the Sharon Steel Local of Lowellsville.

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**BORN** in Ensley, Alabama, Moore came to Youngstown at the age of two, and has been here ever since. His family is well-known here, and he is the nephew of the Rev. J. R. Sanders. He is equally well known on the East Side where he spent most of his life and on the North Side, where he owns his home on Harmony St. He is married to the former Cradee Britt, and has one son.

Graduating from East High in June, 1930, young Moore became known as a football coach. One of his teams won the state semi-finals. He himself played semi-professional football and basketball. He was a member of the VFW team.

He started his working life as a laborer in the Coke Plant of the great Republic Steel Works here, and is a heater, a position requiring great skill and attention.

From the first, "J.R." was active in the union where he has won the unstinted admiration of Negro and white steel-workers alike by his unselfish devotion to the workers, his fighting qualities, and his leadership in a hundred struggles for better wages and conditions on the job.

**HE SERVED** on the historic picket lines in the 1937 strike, and was a founder of the great Local 1331, largest in the Valley. Chosen Assistant Secretary of the Local in 1940, he served as Recording Secretary from 1943 to 1948. In these days, the local from 3,000 to 5,500 members in five years under a progressive executive board which won numerous fights for upgrading of Negro workers, as well as working conditions which were the best in the area. He was also elected by the entire plant to serve as grievance-man for th Coke Plant Division. He was a national convention delegate to the Atlantic City, Cleveland, and Boston Conventions of the United Steel-workers of America-CIO.

A life-long church member, Moore is president of the Mahoning and Shenango Valley Inter-denominational Sunday School Union, vice-president of the Sunday School Dept. of the Eastern Ohio Association, superintendent of Jerusalem Baptist Church for the past eleven years, trustee of the church for eight years. He is a member of the executive board of the NAACP.

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**MOORE** is as different from the usual machine politician as can be imagined.

"I am running to represent all working people, of all races, nationalities and creeds. From my own experience as a working man, union man and father, I believe I know what the people want, and I intend to do all I can to help them get it. They want three meals a day, and a chance to live in peace and without discrimination before everything else."

He is bitterly opposed to Taft-Hartleyism, and makes the defeat of Taft a part of his own campaign. He is very much against the present war hysteria, "loyalty" investigations, and the intimidation of the foreign-born.



LAWES

**CLEVELAND, O.—"I came away with the feeling that here is a new type of people with respect toward all others."**

**This was one of the many impressions of the Soviet Union related by Mrs. Pearl Lawes, (above) representative of the Fur & Leather Workers Union who spoke here at a celebration of International Women's Day at Corey Methodist church.**

**Mrs. Lawes, a delegate to peace conferences at Budapest and Moscow, declared that 81 million women united against war in the Women's International Democratic Federation, provided "a strong international tie for peace."**

## WANT HOUSING?

CLEVELAND, O.—How private enterprise solves the low income housing shortage was demonstrated here when an announcement was made by the Shaker-Coventry Corp. that it was going to build "the swankiest, most fashionable apartment of its kind" and that rents would run as high as $400 a month.

## UE Wins Raise

CLEVELAND, O.—A three-cent an hour wage increase retroactive to March 6 has been secured for 1,500 employees of the Reliance Electric Co. by the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers.

# The Road Ahead

## The Speedup . . . An Effect of Capitalism

By H. Lumer



Lumer

**IN YOUNGSTOWN**, a few weeks ago, the workers in one department of Republic Steel walked off the job. The company had laid off an entire crew with the intention of piling their jobs onto the remaining workers. As a result of this walkout, the laid-off workers were reinstated.

Similarly, in Canton several hundred workers of the Ford forge plant recently staged a walkout against speedup and unsafe working conditions. Such examples can be cited by the dozen.

These rank and file rebellions are taking place in increasing numbers because speedup in these industries is worse today than it has ever been before. In fact, it makes the assembly line scene in the old Chaplin film, "Modern Times," look like slow motion.

This inhuman, backbreaking pace is wearing one group of workers out while it throws another group out of work. Yet, in the face of this, the top leadership of the AFL and CIO have remained notoriously unconcerned about the whole matter.

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**EVEN MORE**, they join with the employers by condoning and encouraging speedup. The labor bureaucrats who control the AFL have repeatedly peddled the lie that it is in the interests of the workers to work harder and produce more. People like Walter Reuther and James B. Carey a few years ago signed their names alongside those of the big industrialists to a statement calling for more production.

Last week Philip Murray, in a speech before the Pennsylvania CIO Council in Pittsburgh, devoted some words to the problem of unemployment. The cause, he said, is that "the machine is replacing the man." And labor "is not going to sit idly by to permit the widespread introduction of machinery to starve them to death." (Exactly what labor is going to do about it, he neglected to say.)

That machines in a capitalist society are used to throw men out of jobs is a familiar fact. But about the main problem facing workers in the shops today—speedup—Murray was completely silent. And this is not at all surprising, for in the steel union his lieutenants either deny that speedup exists or join the employers in cramming it down the workers' throats.

To talk about combating unemployment without making an all-out fight against speedup is sheer hypocrisy. Such a struggle is essential if the workers are to prevent the capitalists from placing the entire burden of the developing ecoonmic crisis on their backs.

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**BUT SPEEDUP** itself is not the basic cause of unemployment and depressions. These are all effects of capitalist exploitation which systematically robs the working class of a portion of the product of its labor. Speedup is a means of increasing the amount of which the worker is robbed.

The working class must of necessity carry on a constant struggle to defend itself against this robbery. Only in a socialist society, however, can there be an end to the constant efforts of capitalist coupon-clippers to sweat more labor and more profits out of the workers.

Here's how Karl Marx expressed it back in 1865:

**"At the same time, and quite apart from the general serviture involved in the wages system, the working class ought not to exaggerate to themselves the ultimate working of these everyday struggles. They ought not to forget that they are fighting with effects, but not with the causes of those effects; that they are retarding the downward movement, but are not changing its direction; that they are applying palliatives, not curing the malady. They ought to understand that, with all the miseries it imposes upon them, the present system simultaneously engenders the MATERIAL CONDITIONS and the SOCIAL FORMS necessary for an economic reconstruction of society. Instead of the conservative motto: 'A fair day's wages for a fair day's work!' they ought to inscribe on their banner the revolutionary watchword: 'Abolition of the wages system!'"**

## CANADIANS FIGHT WAGE SLASH DRIVE

VANCOUVER, B. C. (ALN). — Coal miners, building trades workers, lumbermen and fishermen in British Columbia are preparing for struggle against a wage cut campaign by employers, who want to take advantage of rising unemployment here. Coal companies are demanding that miners take 5 percent to 10 percent wage cuts, pay $5 more rent for company houses and pay for their own transportation to the pit-head. Building workers who are asking 15c to 20c hourly wage boosts have been presented with a counter-offer to slash wages by the same amount. The same pattern is repeated in other industries.

# Dems Hail Foe of Labor and Negroes

CLEVELAND, O.—The county Democratic organization headed by Ray T. Miller proceeded to develop its anti-labor, anti-Negro policy through the selection of State Senator William M. Boyd as chairman of the party's endorsed Senate and House candidates.

Boyd was one of the leading figures in the betrayal of FEPC legislation. His defeat has been called for by the CIO, many AFL unions and the local branch of the National Association of Colored People.

In addition to his scuttling of FEPC, Boyd has earned the reputation as the spokesman for the coal operators in the legislature.

## Discrimination Loses In Cleveland Court

CLEVELAND, O.—The court battle to prevent Negro children from living on the West Side in a receiving home for dependent children entered another stage as Common Pleas Judge Artl ruled against an attempt to halt the conversion of the Tremont School for that purpose.

The case undoubtedly will go to the higher courts. While anti-Negro elements in the area have attempted to conceal their motives in the court action, it was revealed in speeches at neighborhood meetings where calls were made for the preservation of the Jimcrow character of the neighborhood.

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Paul Robeson, chairman of the Council on African Affairs; Richard B. Moore, secretary of the United Caribbean American Council, and Felix Cummings, president of the British Guiana Development League (left to right), join in condemning the colonial policy in the West Indies at a rally in the Golden Gate Ballroom in Harlem.

## Chicago Tenants Face Rent Blitz June 30

By Ann Prosten

CHICAGO.—Unlimited rent raises and wholesale evictions are ten weeks off for Chicago families—unless a campaign is mounted to extend the federal rent control law which expires on June 30. This warning, voiced earlier by Chicago's organized tenants, was underscored last week by Chief Justice Edward S. Scheffler of Municipal Court. In a letter to Governor Stevenson urging a special session of the state legislature to guarantee local protection for renters in the event of national de-control, Scheffler predicted:



REP. LUCAS

"There will be many unreasonable and unconscionable rent increases, and many arbitrary evictions by landlords anxious to get rid of allegedly undesirable tenants."

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IN THE FACE of this alarming forecast, and despite growing demands from other quarters for a special session, the Governor's reply was: "We'll wait and see what Congress does."

Hitting out at Stevenson's stand as "an evasion of the Governor's responsibility to the people of Illinois," Victor Ludwig, chairman of the Chicago Tenants Action Council, declared:

"The landlords will hardly 'wait and see' before moving in to make their kill, once federal rent control is out.

Ludwig asserted that the Governor's sincerity on the question of rent control could be measured by the speed with which he summons a special session. Explaining that his organization viewed a state rent law only as a "stop-gap" and not as the solution to the rent problem, he urged that Illinois adopt a strong measure "to help strengthen the fight for a better federal law than we now have on the books."

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THE TENANTS' leader reported that thousands of signatures had already been affixed to a petition launched by his organization suggesting a special session of the state legislature.




Aroused by Judge Scheffler's widely-publicized declaration, Chicago tenants were intensifying demands on Illinois Congressmen and Senators for renewal of federal rent controls before the June 30 expiration date.

Spurring their efforts was the vivid recollection of chaos and turmoil which followed a brief suspension of rent controls during the summer of 1947. While Congress debated the issue, many Chicago tenants found their rents increased overnight. Thousands were served with eviction notices by landlords anxious to take full advantage of the rent and housing crisis.



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OBSERVERS pointed that a repetition of the 1947 experience would assume even more disastrous proportions in 1950. Landlord biased administration of the weakened rent law has already doubled rents for thousands of Chicago families. Chicago Rent Director Norman Shogren admitted recently that his office has approved from 70 to 75 percent of all requests for raises submitted by landlords.

Extent of the rent steal planned by local real estaters has been indicated by the Cook County Fair Rent Committee, a land-

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## Fraud Charged in School Board Vote

ARGO, Ill.—Last Saturday's school board election here, in which segregation in the schools was the issue, marked an all-time high in voters' turn-out and an all-time low in gangster tactics at the polls.

Frank M. Foran and Roy Hyde, progressive - supported candidates who lost to Martin J. Ferentchak and Albert Bona by the slim majorities of 30 and 37 demanded a recount of ballots.

Intimidation of Negro voters, illegal registration requirements and insistence upon literacy qualifications were among the irregularities charged.

Opposition to segregation of Negro pupils was the program of Foran, Hyde, and Edward Spadoni who were supported by the local Progressive Party, the Illinois Civil Rights Congress, and the Argo Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Spadoni gained office with a comfortable margin.

Ballots which gave Ferentchak and Roy Hanscom their slight lead came from the Bedford Park polling place, where the progressives had no watchers.

The election served to arouse and unify residents of these suburbs against the vicious policy of segregation in the schools.

"We have the reactionaries on the run," Miss Florence Cowgiel, committeewoman for the Lyons Township Progressive Party declared.

"We have proven that the overwhelming majority of the people here are against segregation. That's why Ferentchak and his adherents resorted to stampeding Negro people and other progressives out of the polls."

The Corn Products Refining Company, in whose Bedford Park plant most of the residents of Summit and Argo are employed, spared neither effort nor money during the campaign to insure that segregation in the schools was upheld.

Mrs. Mary Evans, president of the Argo NAACP, stated that the majority of Negro people resented being cheated out of their vote by the poll officials' demand for registration cards.

"We're not through fighting this thing," she said, "and I'm confident that we'll get a favorable decision when it comes to a final hearing."

The NAACP and the CRC filed petitions last December and secured the withholding of state funds from the Argo-Summit-Bedford schools which violate the Jenkins anti-segregation act. Final decision on the segregation issue is still up to Edward B. Simon, Cook County Superintendent of Schools, who was reportedly waiting for the outcome of the school board elections.

## Milwaukee Asks Chicago to Help Ban Jimcrow Beer

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## SOUTH SIDE IN Action

THE RECENT Acheson-Truman demand for total diplomacy has threatening, menacing meaning for the entire American working class and its allies. This demand calling for the total mobilization of



every energy and resource behind the H-bomb cold war program of Big Business holds special dangers for 15 million Negro people. It spells danger to us on the South Side.

The failure of the Marshall plan and the deepening of the economic crisis has forced the administration and its Republican collaborators to put forward the demand of total diplomacy in a desperate effort to persuade the American people to surrender their constitutional rights and to become slaves of war diplomacy.

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THE CALL for "total diplomacy" can only mean that the administration wants to put an end to all criticism and to all opposition. Fearing the people's growing demand for peace, the militarists in control of the government want to silence all talk of peace. They want an end to the demand for civil rights, for jobs, for housing and for the rights of labor. But this is not all. The administration not only wants to end all talk and organization for these needs, but wants people to stop thinking about them. It demands that they surrender their thoughts and ideas in the interest of the cold war—which Truman and Acheson want to make hot.

This cry of "total diplomacy" carries with it the need to mobilize 15 million Negro citizens behind a program which serves to continue British and French colonial oppression of Africa. In short, oppressed American Negroes are urged to join hands with their oppressors to further the exploitation of their brothers and sisters in Africa. They are asked to help throttle the rising democracies in Europe and Asia.

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THE HARNESSING of "every resource" as demanded by Acheson can only result in cutting short the fight of the Negro people in America for their own democratic freedoms. The Negro people in the South, victims of taxation without representation and of lynch-justice are being asked to surrender their fight for the right to vote and for full representation and against the Klan-like justice. They are asked to use their every resource and energy for the hydrogen-bomb war, which can only spell their ultimate complete destruction.

Negroes on Chicago's South Side are being asked to give up their fight for public housing, for an FEPC, for jobs, relief, and an end to mob violence.

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FOR NEGRO-AMERICANS to accept the Truman-Acheson total diplomacy is to take the path of suicide. This demand is but one more method by which the administration expresses its abandonment of the fight for civil rights.

However, the administration knows full well that the people, Negro and white, will not surrender the struggle for their democratic rights, will not give up the fight for peace. Therefore the propaganda and demagogy of the State Department is accompanied by the ushering in to Congress of the Nazi-like Mundt-Ferguson and Woods bills. These two police-state bills represent the big-stick method through which the administration hopes it can bludgeon the people into submission. For what the administration thinks it cannot get through honey-coated demagogy, it hopes to get through intimidation and terrorization. Hence the Mundt-Ferguson bill is a key instrument in the cold war policy. Even this is not all: Truman and Acheson and the millionaire war-makers of this country know that the American people will fight the Mundt-Ferguson and Woods bills, that they will not accept the police-state legislation.

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IN ORDER TO WEAKEN, to divide and divert the organized struggles of the Negro people and their allies, to disrupt their fight against the Mundt-Ferguson bill and the hydrogen-bomb war, the Truman administration is making full use of the all-too-willing services of the Negro Uncle-Toms, reformists, social-democrats, and Trotskyites. Here the A. Phillip Randolphs and the Willard Townsends, Lester Granger, the Roy Wilkinses and George Schuylers have hired themselves out to disrupt from within the Negro people's movements, to split the progressive forces through the utilization of red-baiting and other forms of treachery. What the administration cannot get through demagogy, or waving the big stick, it feels it can get through the treacherous services of these enemies within the ranks of the Negro people, whose main function is to deliver the Negro people into the hands of the cold war oppressors.

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THE DEMAND for total diplomacy will meet with no more success than has the administration's attempt to stifle the growing people's demand for freedom and for peace throughout the world. Contrary to the hopes of the administration the people in America and everywhere are rejecting the idea of the cold war, are demanding the outlawing of the A-Bomb and are firmly marching along the path to peace.

The task of the Communists and the progressives is to work for the unity and organization of the growing peace elements among the Negro people and for driving out of the lackeys who would divert us from this task.

# Milwaukee Asks: 'Ban Beer For Jimcrow in Breweries'

CHICAGO.—Chicago citizens are being appealed to by their Milwaukee brothers to support them in the fight to end the 100-year-old ban on the employment of Negroes in Milwaukee breweries. Dan Travis, representative of the Afro-American newspaper, in a talk with the editor of this paper recently in Milwaukee, requested that all Negroes and progressive white friends stop drinking Milwaukee beers until the breweries abandon their Jimcrow policies.

Citing Milwaukee as the capital of the brewing industry, civil rights groups and interracial agencies are joined to force the Milwaukee breweries to abolish their all-white hiring policy and employ Negroes.

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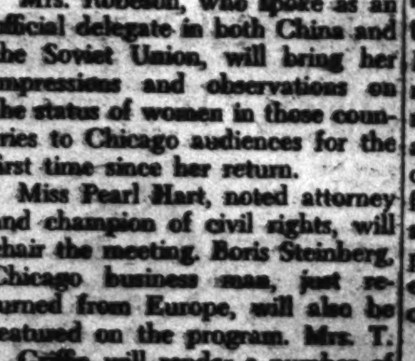
AN EXAMPLE of their flagrant disregard for Milwaukee's Negro citizens is dramatized by the fact that three of the largest breweries are located in or adjacent to the Sixth Ward, which has a predominantly Negro population and where unemployment is two or three times as high as in the rest of the city.

Equal blame for the situation is being placed on the CIO Brewery Local 9. This local, lily-white and under the leadership of Philip Murray and the rightwing of the CIO, has made no effort to admit and integrate Negro workers in the local.

Various groups are entering the campaign. Most active is the recently-organized Tavern Keepers Association of the Sixth Ward. Embracing 33 taverns and night clubs in the Negro community, they took a positive stand on the side of their Negro patrons and switched to buying beer made outside the city. The Mayors Commission on Human Rights is being urged to take a positive stand on the issue.

Writes Dan Travis: "If Chicago will join us in this fight, they can help a lot toward compelling them to hire Negro help."

## Mrs. Robeson to Speak April 14



MRS. ROBESON

CHICAGO.—Mrs. Eslande Robeson, recently returned from the women's peace meetings in China and the Soviet Union, will center her main discussion on the women in the New China, when she speaks at the Rally being held at the Metropolitan Community Church, at 8 p.m. Friday, April 14, at 4100 South Parkway.

This was announced by the meeting's sponsors, the Women's Division of the Progressive Party.

Mrs. Robeson, who spoke as an official delegate in both China and the Soviet Union, will bring her impressions and observations on the status of women in these countries to Chicago audiences for the first time since her return.

Miss Pearl Hart, noted attorney and champion of civil rights, will chair the meeting. Boris Steinberg, Chicago business man, just returned from Europe, will also be featured on the program. Mrs. T. J. Griffin will render a number of musical selections. Rev. Joseph Evans, pastor of Metropolitan Community Church, will deliver the Invocation.

Greeting Mrs. Robeson will be P. P. National Committeewoman Mrs. Lillian Larvenette and Mrs. Jean Kosmand.

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Following the rally, the 1st Congressional District of the Progressive Party will tender an informal reception for this famous woman at their headquarters at 306 E. 43 St., Room 11. Mrs. Robeson will answer questions raised by progressive party members and generally mingle with the crowd. Chairman Lester Fox and Committeeman Joseph Larvanette of the 3rd Ward will handle arrangements of the affair.

# NAACP Opposes Mundt-Ferguson

CHICAGO. — Defeat of the Mundt-Ferguson-Johnson bill was called for by the Annual Midwest Conference of the National Association of Colored People held in Des Moines, Iowa, last weekend. A resolution adopted by that body read as follows: In order to guarantee civil liberties and first class citizenship to all people, we call for the defeat of the Mundt-Ferguson-Johnson Bill and all similar oppressive legislation. The conference also called for the revocation of the various "loyalty" programs.

Two hundred delegates from 10 states and representing 30,000 NAACP members deliberated upon those issues facing the organization. The Chicago delegation, headed by Nelson Willis, branch chairman, included Mrs. Jewel Stradford Rogers, and Mrs. Ima Jean Johnson. Also from Chicago were state president Rev. Johnson and secretary Mrs. Faith Rich. Delegates from East St. Louis, Evanston, Maywood and Peoria were also present.

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EXPRESSING DEEP CONCERN over growing unemployment the conference passed a resolution calling upon the federal government to develop plans to combat the pending crisis.

Nelson Willis, chairman of the Chicago chapter, proposed a resolution to be sent to Sen. Scott Lucas and other Senators demanding that they vote on cloture when FEPC comes up in the Senate.

The dramatic moment at the conference occurred when five delegates from Alton stood up and were identified as the men who defied Klanlike mobsters who burned fiery crosses to frighten Negro citizens away from the campaign to force the admission of Negro children to unsegregated schools.

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ATTORNEY BILLY JONES told the story of the magnificent fight of Negro mothers and children in a three-day stand against Jimcrow school policies. "These mothers," he said, "took their children to be enrolled in schools in their neighborhood. After being refused registration, some of the little ones wanted to go home, but upon hearing from their mothers the reason for their remaining, they began to understand what Jimcrow meant to them. They sat in the unfilled seats in the classrooms awaiting admission.

"School officials," he declared, "unscrewed the chairs and removed them from the school so that the children might be discouraged. Undaunted, they stood in the halls and waited. Toilet facilities were refused them, but they stood their ground.

"Having failed with threats and intimidation against parents and pupils, the powers that be," he pointed out, "decided that more direct pressure was needed. Parents were threatened with the loss of their jobs if they did not give up the struggle for school equality. The number of children dropped from 30 to 18.

"The NAACP chapter had to develop a new strategy. Injunction proceedings were instituted. The progressive forces of East St. Louis are being mobilized for an all-out fight," he concluded.

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SEGREGATION in schools and discrimination in education were condemned by this Midwest confab. Support of low-cost, unsegregated housing was also included in the statement of policy.

The education of NAACP members to support issues and candidates was stressed at the session in a discussion on political action. Attorney Charles Howard lashed out at the present policy of the organization. He accused them of being tied to the coat-tail of the Democratic Party while maintaining a verbal policy of nonpartisanship. He called upon the NAACP to adopt a genuine nonpartisan policy and to make the major issue the fight for the rights of the Negro people.

# Tenants Take On Rent Taker

Tenants at 4053 S. Ellis Ave. were preparing last week to teach their landlord some simple arithmetic, which would net them, they figured, hundreds of dollars each in rent rebates.

Landlord Seymour Goodman, they told our reporter, had been subtracting services and adding rent raises since 1947, when he rewed out white tenants and admitted Negroes in their place. Since their admission, linen service, janitor service, telephone service, and decorating have been eliminated.

The tenants discovered a few weeks ago that their landlord was even more "efficient" in his additions. Chicago Rent Office registrations, checked with the help of the Chicago Tenants Action Council, revealed that rents of some 41 tenants had been raised by $5 to $10 a week, while these services were subtracted.

Below is a sampling of the tenants' records:

| Tenant | Ceiling Rent weekly | Rent Since 1947 |
|---|---|---|
| Mrs. Harriet Brown | $6 | $16 |
| Mrs. Alma Davis | 4 | 9 |
| Mrs. Margie Hasper | 4 | 13 |
| Robert Thompson | 4.50 | 14 |
| Bessie Brown | 2.89 | 10 |
| Nathaniel Jackson | 4 | 15 |
| Jarathea Coleman | 5.78 | 18 |
| Mrs. Schanks | 4 | 15 |

When tenants, on advice of the Tenants Council, refused to pay more than the ceiling rent, the landlord countered with subpoenas ordering them into court for nonpayment of rent.

Mrs. Audrey Jackson, chairman of the tenants group, was confident of victory. "We're guilty—of paying our legal rents!" she said.

# The Town I Live in

by VICKY STEELE

**SALTY DEPARTMENT:** Don't understand why 43rd St. Virginia Theatre revived the **Imitation of Life** "freshened-up" with lurid anti-Negro slogans. Talked to the manager, who insists Southsiders enjoy the film, referring us to his cashier as proof. (Who pays her salary?) We can't afford to wait 'til "next time" to tell him or any other theatre manager it ain't necessarily so! This film (as does "Amos and Andy" on the radio) slanders and caricatures the Negro people. We don't like it! It's time we put an end to such trash. Speak up.

**Speaking of films,** don't forget the movie "Without Prejudice," being shown at the PP Hall, 306 E. 43rd, April 16, 7:30 p.m., under Chicago Council American-Soviet Friendship auspices. If you just happen to miss it there, it will be shown next night at the Southside Community Art Center. It's a treat!

**Hometowner Makes Good:** Former Chicagoan, playwright Theodore Ward's newest play, "John Brown," opens up on Broadway next month. That's the one Mr. Ward received some Guggenheim dought to get going, but which money was hastily halted when going got good! Judging by the scene read recently in one of the mags, it packs a mean wallop! The best of luck to you, Ted. You really deserve it!

**SMALL-TALK:** Gloomy Palm Sunday, but not even standing room at the Club Delisa for Provident Fashion Parade. All that sugar! . . . New poetry magazine hitting the stands shortly called **Movement** with the lushiest words describing its coming, we've seen in a long while. . . . Director Bill Nix shapin' up Center Aisle Player's production of "Edward, My Son," for YMCA, 38th and Wabash showing, April 14-15. . . . Paul Robeson returning next week for JPFO gala concert. . . . Artist Charles White (Chicago's finest) passing through town. . . . And goodness knows what-all!

**HOWARTH COOPERATIVE AT 4850 Greenwood** fighting like crazy all the legal trappings thrown at them by the Oakland-Kenwood Planning Association that wants them out because of interracial tenants proving that it can be done. Planning association swears all up and down that reason is "a damn lie," but we figure things out for ourselves. The CO-OP has been putting up a valiant and long-time struggle to stay put!

**KNAPSACK: PETTIS PERRY,** CP Secretary of the National Negro Commission adds a new one to our collection: Says when folks tell him that John Rankin is a self-made man, he's glad to hear it—for if he is, that relieves God Almighty from any responsibility!

**WILLIAM S. WINN,** Assistant State's Attorney has a new solution to the problem of juvenile delinquency. He said juvenile delinquency was not caused by unemployment or poor housing, but because parents would rather work than take care of their children. When asked how parents could support their children without working, he spluttered into silence.

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**THANKS ACW, RL, RF** for those drive-bucks. Every little bit helps. Trouble is though it just makes us greedy for more . . . Aw c'm on, wontcha?

# Negroes Face Fascist Peril

CHICAGO.—At a packed meeting of the South Side section of the Communist Party held last weekend, Pettis Perry, chairman of the National Negro Commission of the Party, declared that the main question facing the Negro people today is the threat of war and the danger of the fascism in America.

"We must understand", Perry asserted, "what is happening in America and its special significance to the Negro people."

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Mr. Perry pointed to the increasing violence against the Negro people, disclosing statistics of Negroes killed in the hands of the police; the increases of jailing Negroes on whatever pretext so that, for instance, the Reform School in Illinois held 65% Negro inmates. "This is part of the white pattern of big business," he said, "this picture is duplicated in many States."

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**CITING THE ENEMIES** of the Negro people who are helping to divide and disrupt the unity of the people, Mr. Perry pointed to Roy Wilkins, Glouster Current, Willard Townsends and other who are peddling the Marshall Plan as being helpful to Africa. "This is not true," Perry declared. He disclosed that in all Marshall-plan countries and colonies, America was "putting another yoke on the necks of the Africans on top of British and Belgian." He declared that the African people were fighting back. "100,000 demonstrating telling the British to get out of Africa. In Nigeria there are national strikes to simply raise the living standards up to 50 cents a day," Perry said. "This is how helpful the Marshall plan is to the African people."

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**OUR JOB IS TO FIGHT** for the liberation of all colonial people," Mr. Perry asserted. "Peace is a big job and no group has a bigger stake in it than the Negroes. Negroes are told to fight for democracy, but not jimcrow, fight for democracy but can't tamper with agencies of the army."

"The success of the cold war depends upon violence against the Negro people, driving us out of industry, as in the Railroad today by the reactionary leadership of the Brotherhood," he said, "yet we are being told that we must have civil rights because we must help the cold war. It's contradictory like running with the hare while hunting with the hounds! We can't do both!"

In discussing the attacks against the Party and the whipping up of hysteria, Mr. Perry asserted that this is not the only method used in their big war drive by big business. They are also boring from within. He stated that FBI agents or "dupes" were being sent into Negro movements and urged vigilance and smoking out these enemies. HeH stated that Trotskyites and Social Democrats were not to be trusted and quoting Frederick Douglass, he said: "You mut watch those who get old clothes from the big house."

"We are proud to be humble students of Marxism-Leninism," Mr. Perry said. "Under this influence there are now 800 million people in the world marching under the banner of socialism."

# Society to Blame For Youth Crime

By Sylvia Alexander

CHICAGO.—Send them to Sheridan Reformatory. That is the battle-cry of State's Attorney John S. Boyle. That is the answer he gives to the problem of juvenile delinquency. But according to one of the South Side's best known community leaders, that is not the right answer.

The answer, according to Mr. Wilson Head, Program Director, Parkway Community Center, is decent houses, good schools, playgrounds and parks, job training, and an end to racial discrimination and police brutality.

The housing problem, especially sharp on the Southside, was emphasized by Mr. Head.

"The break-down in family life is one of the main reasons for what we call juvenile delinquency," Mr. Head declared. "When four families are forced to live in the space originally meant for one," he said, "the children don't want to go home. They go home only as a last resort. They spend their time elsewhere — usually, by necessity, on the street. This is not the children's fault, this is the fault of those who obstruct public housing."

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**A GRADUATE** of Tuskegee Institute and Atlanta University and formerly Executive Secretary, Indianapolis NAACP, Mr. Head pointed also to the problem of unemployment, remarking that Negro youth are usually the first affected.

"That is important," he stated. "What shall the young people do? They are forced out of their homes by over-crowding. Jobs are scarce. They have no place to be and nothing to do. The next step is what we call juvenile delinquency, then St. Charles or Sheridan. That is bad enough," the Community Center leader declared, "but when they get out, they come right back into the same impossible situation."

Contrasting the eager, pre-election 'crime crusade' to Parkway's program of club groups, classes, sport and camping activities, Mr. Head declared that "Even these efforts don't go to the root of the problem. They are successful as far as they can be. But they are not basic solutions."

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**TAKING THE QUESTION** of drug addiction as an example, Mr. Head stated, "The dope problem ranks high among young people. The peddlers tell them it will give them a lift. It promises to take away the pressures they suffer from racial discrimination, poor living conditions, and all the rest. It is an escape. The real problem is their need to escape.

"We work with young people, but the trouble is not with them," Mr. Head continued, "The trouble is with the way they are forced to live. We blame the people who want to keep them in this situation. Juvenile delinquency is a symptom of the illness of American society."

# CHARGES THAT KIRKENDOLL IS VICTIM OF POLITICIANS

**CHICAGO.—What is happening to the Kirkendoll Case? This is the question being asked of the Civil Rights Congress, according to Lester Davis newly appointed executive secretary of that organization.**

The Civil Rights Congress graciously stepped down from the helm in favor of those "influential" individuals in the Democratic Party, Republican Party and other organizations which condition their activity in behalf of the convicted youth upon their taking over the management of the defense campaign.

**Bob Kirkendoll is still languishing in jail. Facing a 75-year sentence on a trumped-up charge of rape, the young Negro had his plea for a new trial denied last week by Judge George M. Fischer. The motion for retrial was presented by Civil Rights attorney Edmund Hatfield.**

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**ALTHOUGH MRS. JEAN KIRKENDOLL** has asked Attorney Aaron Payne to represent the family, Mr. Payne told the DuSable Worker that he has not yet decided to take the case. He did not appear in court when the motion for a new trial was made.

The decision of Mrs. Kirkendoll to retain Mr. Payne as attorney is seen as the result of pressure from outside forces mentioned already in this article. According to Mr. Davis, no effort is being to get bail, no funds are being raised by these people for his defense.

Bob Kirkendoll remains in jail, victim of the frame-up attributable directly to his refusal to pay off in the shake down racket of the police operated against South Side produce vendors.

# Cabrini--A Lesson In Democracy

There is no patience among Cabrini Homes tenants members to unsegregateed housing and their stall on selection of sites for the 10,000 additional public housing units available to Chicago under the Federal housing program.

Residents of the Near North Side project, erected nine years ago to house low income families, were indignant over the anti-Negro bias underlying the public housing stalemate when our reporter interviewed them recently.

"It's the City Council that's prejudiced, not the people who need homes," declared Mrs. Gladys Perkins, who lives at 937 S. Mohawk. "Let them give people the chance to live together—they'll find out," she continued "that their talk about prejudice is nonsense."

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**THE CABRINI PROJECT** is living proof of Mrs. Perkins' words. Here 564 families, Negro and white, have built for themselves a harmonious community, rich in mutual understanding, proud in cooperative achievement.

At the core of project activities is the dynamic Cabrini Tenants Council. Mrs. Perkins husband, William, an employe at International Harvester, serves as the Council's Safety Committee Chairman.

"Those aldermen should drop in here and watch us," he said. "We work on our problems together, we visit each other socially, we play baseball together," he added.

He told how the action of Negro and white tenants had saved children's lives in the project, by off traffic through its streets.

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**ONE OUT OF EVERY** seven project children was being injured or killed by trucks and cars when the Tenants Council raised its demand for roadblocks. The politicians, heading local businessmen who objected, rebuffed the tenants.

"Then the Wolfson baby was crushed to death under the wheels of a truck," Perkins said. "You remember how we lined up in a human barricade on Cambridge St. then. It took a baby's life to get our story into the papers. We got the roadblock."

Mrs. Grace Clark, a former president of the Cabrini Tenants Council, told of other achievements by the organized project residents, and of the problems that remain unsolved.

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**A PLAYGROUND,** originally left out by project planners, was one of the Council's early victories. Tenants pooled funds to buy play equipment.

A bitterly fought issue, as yet unrealized, is adequate public school facilities for project children. The Jenner Public School, built to accommodate 800 children, has 1,500 enrolled now.

"To the shame of the school authorities," Mrs. Clark said, "they have almost succeeded in making it a Jimcrow school. White children are discouraged from attending."

White parents, she said, are urged to remove their children from the school. Where they have resisted, school authorities have classified the white children as "problems," and shunted them to other institutions, blocks away from the project.

"The Tenants Council is fighting for more and unsegregated schools in this neighborhood," declared Mrs. Clark.

Cabrini tenants have one final argument for the Dixiecrat-minded aldermen who fear unsegregated public housing. Here, where four-fifths of the 564 tenants are white, and one-fifth Negro, it is a Negro woman, Mrs. Ruby Callier, who has been chosen by the vote of her neighbors as chairman of the Cabrini Tenants Council!

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# Anti-Semitic Sheets Get Big Coca Cola Ads

Americans who put down their nickels for the "pause that refreshes" may unwittingly be helping to "refresh" the treasury of an anti-Semitic Ku Klux Klan hate-sheet. For, according to the publication, **Opinion, A Journal of Jewish Life and Letters**, two Ku Klux-ish papers, papers, Parson Jack and Johnson's Georgia Tribune are being supported by national advertising from the Coca-Cola Co.

The Klan is violently anti-Catholic, as is well known; and Coca-Cola boss James A. Farley is probably the most prominent Catholic layman in America.

But both Farley and the Klan are notoriously pro-fascist and anti-Communist.

And, declares Joseph Brainin in Opinion (in his article, A Call To Action; The Rebirth of Oragnized Anti-Semitism work in America):

". . . the Klan has also intensified its anti-Semitic work in accordance with the Merwin K. Hart formula of indentifying Jews with Communists."

HART, the head of the pro-fascist National Economic Council, claims to have discovered "atomic anti-Semitism", according to Brainin. For "why revive the dusty, discredited legend of the "Elders of Zion", when one can make the absurd story of a Zionist-Communist alliance palatable to big business?"

"Never before (except possibly at the very height of the Hitler regime)" declared Brainin, "has so much money been spent in America for the production and distribution of literature directed against the Jews."

"Over $1,000,000 was collected by the leading bigots in a 12-month period," the annual survey of race prejudice made public by the Anti-Defamation League last week disclosed.

Merwin Hart's outfit got "at least $140,000" in 1949, the League reported; Gerald L. K. Smith "more than $150,000"; Gerald Winrod, "about $100,000"; Upton Close, $50,000; Joseph P. Kamp, $50,000 and Allan Zoll, former fund-raiser for both Hart and Kamp, $40,000.

"Fifty-seven anti-Semitic organizations were active in 1949", according to the League.

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WARNING AGAINST "indifference" being shown by Jewish organizations and the concentration of "virtually" all attention on the new state of Israel, Brainin explains that people must not be lulled because:

"In the past few years anti-Jewish feeling has no longer manifested itself through the relatively petty means of physical violence or destruction of property (the short-range anti-Semitic policy), but has entered the psuedo-respectable phase of natonwide 'education' (the long-rang policy of anti-Semitism)."

The Peekskill riots of last summer, Brainin says, marked a return to this "short-range policy.

Financing this "education" in fascist anti-Semitism, by contributions to Hart's organization, Brainin declares, is a roster of major corporations and prominent individuals, including Lammot duPont; Union Carbide; Gulf Oil; Empire State Building Corp.; American Cyanid; Mohawk Carpet Mills; ex-Senator Albert Hawkes and John J. Raskob.

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THE WALL STREETERS pay for the dissemination of such poison as the following excerpts from Hart's news-letter:

"The fact is that Zionists and Communist influence (at times the one is stronger, at times the other—frequently they work together) has dictated and controlled practically all moves of American foreign policy since 1933". Substituting the name "Zionist" for "Jew", Hart goes on to say that "these forces dictated the setting up of the UNRA under the control, first of Zionist Herbert H. Lehman and second, of Zionist LaGuardia."

Brainin lists many other anti-Semitic hate sheets. Rapping the "irresponsible action" of the leaders of the American Jewish Committee and others who participated along with Hart and other anti-Semites in the "All-America Conference to Fight Communism" last January he called for "unity" and "vigilant and militant defense" to stem the "rising tide of anti-Jewish feeling."



ASKS RIGHT OF ASYLUM: Mrs. Eleanor Wheeler joins with her husband in asking Czechoslovakia to grant them a haven. George S. Wheeler (left) and Jiri Hronek, secretary of the International Organization of Journalists, pictured last week in Prague.

# Americans to Stay In Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE.—Two years ago an American journalist and economist came here to study. Now he asks that the Czechoslovak government grant him and his family a haven here as a political refugee. He is youngish looking 42-year-old George S. Wheeler of Rollingway, Wash., wartime economist in the U. S. War Department, postwar head of the denazification branch and policy chief for the labor office in the American Zone of Germany.

In announcing his decision to a meeting of journalists here he said: "I came to know Czechoslovakia well. I became acquainted with her people, her endeavors and her constructive efforts . . . and I also got to know real democracy.

"Today I am casting up accounts—comparing an America of Wall Street, Truman and Acheson, warmongers and atomic gangsters with the earnest efforts of Czechoslovakia to strengthen the peace front. . . . I declare before the world that I condemn and repudiate the war policy of American imperialism. I want to have nothing in common with the Gestapo methods of American policy. . . . I place myself proudly in the camp of peace and progress. I ask the Czechoslovak government to grant asylum to me and to my family and to give me the possibility of offering our training and knowledge to the world fight for peace."

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## War's a Blessing to Capitalism

BOSTON.—When Communists and others says that capitalism needs and incites wars, they are reviled as "foreign agents." But Boston Globe business columnist T.G.M. admits: "War, of course, is the great alleviative to any economic problem with its astronomical consumption of goods while at the same time it draws manpower heavily away from the labor force."

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## Who Gets Rooked on Taxes? Right!

DETROIT.—Chrysler, Ford, Hudson, Kaiser-Frazer, Burroughs Adding Machine and other industrial giants got millions in tax cuts courtesy of the city treasurer. Chrysler got an $18,481,600 cut in 'personal property' assessment, saving $700,000 in taxes. The Michigan edition of The Worker, which owns all of five battered typewriters and some old desks, got a tax increase!

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## Not His Fault, But He Has to Pay

LOCKHART, Texas.—William Hagedorn, 77-year-old farmer, has to pay $3,126.84 plus costs as "damages" to a couple whose car went off the road near his farm to avoid hitting a mule. But the mule wasn't Hagedorn's, and the first court which held the old man responsible, on the plaintiff's say-so, never even notified Hagedorn to appear. The Texas Supreme Court finally ruled that the mule wasn't Hagedorn's all right, but he'd have to pay the $3,126.84 plus, anyhow, because he hadn't been "diligent in protecting his rights." The sum is far more than foreign-born Hagedorn has saved all his life. Ain't capitalist justice wonderful?

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## Sinclair Oil's Biggest Take

NEW YORK.—The Sinclair Oil Corp. has announced a net profit for 1949 of $54,073,338, after first deducting $5,000,000 for "possible losses in foreign exploratory operations." The take marked the company's second highest in its history.

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## 32 Living in One Room

DENVER.—A Denver census-taker found 32 persons living in one tiny five-room house, toolshed and garage. The household included a railroad laborer, his wife, 11 unmarried children, five married daughters, their husbands and nine grandchildren.

# Children, Above All, Loved Woodson

## MAN WHO PIONEERED STUDY OF NEGRO HISTORY INSPIRED MILLIONS

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON.—Of all the honors he ever won, Dr. Carter Woodson cherished most the home made scroll presented him by some Washington school children, his friends.

For Dr. Woodson, the son of former slaves, coal miner, teacher, author, and one of the all time great historians in the land, cherished children as much as they loved him.

They surrounded him, bouncing and shouting, whenever he walked the streets around his office in the vast jimcrow ghetto of the capital city. He sought their company, filling them with stories of the Negro lore he had accumulated in his mind and books for 40 years.

Mainly through his tireless work over those years, he inculcated his love for history, his burning desire to search out the truth about his people, into the minds of his children. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, followed him. They became diggers for the truth in the life and history of the Negro people.

When he died in his small apartment over his office on April 3, the world lost a gentle giant, a modern day John Henry and Paul Bunyon.

Almost singlehandedly, this straight-backed, strong-faced man resurrected his people's lost history, the buried legends of their struggles for freedom.

He was filled with a purpose as great as the strength of the two legendary giants. With his quick, retentive, orderly mind he plowed up the neglected facts about his people's history and set out their contributions to the world for the world to see and to use against those who would enslave Negroes and other peoples.

His genius as an organizer guided the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. And as its director he founded the authoritative Journal of Negro History, for historians and researchers, and later the Negro History Bulletin, for school children and teachers.

As an author, he was prolific. He produced eight books, hundreds of articles, several surveys, and for the last six-years had been writing a six volume Encyclopedia Africana.

When he found that few publishers would print his books, or other books about the Negro people, he founded the Associated Publishers "to make possible the publication and circulation of valuable books on the Negro not acceptable to most publishers."

He learned early that the rich money grubbing class had no use for his efforts to develop historical research and bring its results to the people.

"The wealthy tried to wreck his campaign. But the working people rallied to his support—in the heart of the depression. The Association has been financially stable since then.

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Largely through his efforts, the nation today celebrates Negro History Week every February. He organized the campaign to dramatize the achievements of the Negro people. Later he said, the creation of that week "exposed the bias in textbooks, bared the prejudice of teachers, and compelled" treating the Negro people in history as other people are treated.

Dr. Woodson would have been 75 on Dec. 19." For 40 years of his life he dug in the rich veins of history just as he dug coal in Fayette county, West Virginia to earn enough money to go to high school.

Those years in the pits, and his earlier years on a Virginia farm helping his parents, tied him to the working class. He never lost those ties. They could not be cut, no matter how vicious the attacks against him were. And they were vicious in 1919 when he maintained sympathy for the Russian working people and their goal of Socialism. In recent years, he still insisted that the drive of oppressed people throughout the world toward Socialism was just, necessary—and inevitable. He saw it coming in China and Africa and was glad.



DR. CARTER WOODSON

# Southern Workers Battle Labor Bureaucrats; CIO Rightwing Brings Back Jimcrow Practices

## Negroes Segregated in Union Center; Kluxer Police Official Supported

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The CIO in Memphis was built on the policy of taking in all workers regardless of creed or color. This program was a great success as mass industries were organized and about 30,000 workers, a majority of them Negro, joined the CIO. But the present klan-minded, dixiecrat Memphis CIO leadership has gone back on the original CIO policies. They are to blame for the loss in union membership, for the division between Negro and white brothers, and for some unions being on the outside of CIO today.

They recently expelled, as part of CIO national policy, the Memphis FTA from the CIO council. This union is the symbol of struggle for better conditions for hundreds of Memphis workers, especially Negro workers. All the Negro people of Memphis know how this union has fought for the freedom of Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram.

In Memphis, FTA's president is a Negro. Two Negro women were employed as office workers by Memphis FTA in a Jimcrow city that knows few such openings for Negro women. This is the union that has been expelled from the Memphis CIO council.

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THE PRESENT CIO Memphis leaders have openly and disgracefully put Jimcrow into the Memphis CIO. In the CIO headquarters building the toilets have been marked off "for white" and "for colored" by the CIO leaders. Even meetings are now held on a segregated basis.

The white supremacist regional CIO director here, W. A. Copeland, refuses to place more than one Negro organizer on his staff. As a result there is only this one, single organizer in Memphis where there are 30,000 CIO members, a majority of whom are Negro. This one CIO Negro organizer is not allowed to have his office in CIO headquarters building. He must be Jimcrowed to another section of town in another building.

Copeland was a member of the Newspaper Guild in the 30's, then an AFL union, and the AFL council. When the guild voted to join the CIO Copeland hung onto his seat in the AFL council and did all he could to block the formation of the CIO.

He "controls" more than just Memphis CIO. He has tried to control Negro people's organizations. He has worked through Henry White, who is a representative of the United Transport Service Employes, CIO.

Copeland is not satisfied in keeping the CIO from fighting for the rights of Negro workers, but he also tries to prevent other Memphis organizations from doing so.

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ANOTHER WHITE supremacist and splitter of labor's unity in Memphis is Earl Crowder, who is representative of the United Steel Workers Union. Snuff workers in Memphis joined the Steel Worker's Union and went out on strike hoping for help of all organized labor in the city. When NMU and FTA members went down to help them they were run off by Crowder.

Crowder didn't want the snuff workers to associate with members and leaders of these unions who oppose his policy of dictation and Jimcrow. Crowder is not an elected official but hired by Murray, as are all CIO officials in the city except those of the Firestone local.

Crowder has a reputation for being anti-Negro. When progressive white unionists speak out against the CIO's segregated toilets they are labeled as "reds" by Crowtler. He says that Communists are leading this fight and that all know that "Negroes can easily be swayed by whites."

A Negro member of the council, Josh Tools, got up and said he resented Crowder's Jimcrow attitude and that he knew other Negro unionists ferented it. For this Tools, who is a member of the national negotiating committee of the Firestone workers, was severely reprimanded by the Jimcrow CIO leadership.

It was CIO policy to fight for good labor laws, but here too the Memphis CIO leaders have strayed away from original CIO policy. They supported Clifford Davis for Congress, a man who voted for Taft-Hartley, and who voted again for it when he was returned to Congress. Davis is a former Klansman and city police commisisoner.

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SOME MEMBERS of the CIO organizing staff distributed sample ballots which called for Davis' election.

FTA and other progressive union members supported a man who promised to vote for labor and aganist the Taft-Hartley. He is the Rev. Dwight V. Klye, a Negro minister, who also favored FEPC and an anti-lynch law. Because FTA refused to support klan-minded, anti-labor Davis, is another reason it was expelled from the Memphis CIO council by the Crowders and Copelands.

The fight that progressive white and Negro CIO union members are putting up in Memphis for the real CIO program is taking place in every large Southern city. Workers everywhere in the South are showing that they refuse to accept the Jimcrow policy of the present CIO leadership because it is not the real CIO program. It is on the other hand, the program of the Dixiecrats, their masters, the bosses, who are the only ones to profit when labor is split and divided.





HERE'S ONE WAY Jimcrow has returned to the Memphis (Tenn.) CIO headquarters. The signs were put up by the West Tennessee Area Director for the Southern Organizing Drive.

## See Jump in Dixie Rents

Rents in Virginia and Alabama will be jumping up in a couple months. They will be decontrolled in these states and already control staffs have been cut to a minimum.

Those who rent their homes, apartments or rooms can expect their rents to increase by great leaps.

In Dallas, Tex., 67 percent of the decontrolled units got increases. Many rent raises amounted to 50 and 100 percent. In Knoxville, Tenn., 61 percent of the rental units under former control got substantial increases.

## Ouster of Negro Leaders Broke Local's Power

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—When the men at the production foundry, Jackson Industries, had a fighting union they did away with speed-up, foremen swearing at the workers, and poor pay. Today, because the union followed a Jimcrow policy and refusal to fight for the workers, Jackson employes work under open shop conditions.

Just consider the men lifting 50-pound weights to cover molds. They lift about 4,000 to 5,000 pounds on a shift with only three, ten-minute breaks. In the past the weight men worked a half an hour on and a half an hour off at this hard and very hot job. Now the weight men work in a foundry generally tells how all men are treated.

At Jackson the weight lifting job is "killing," one worker said. These workers groan and call for relief after their several hours of work, but are offered no help.

Before the union came the men had no special hours. They worked eight and a half to ten hours a day right through the hot summer months. The union made an 8-hour day with time and a half for over time. It won seniority, six holidays, vacation with pay, and bargaining rights to settle grievances.

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THE COMPANY was interested in breaking this union. Appeals to prejudice were used by white supremacists right in the union. Some of these said that Negro officers of the union should be replaced by whites, "then they could get more for us." This supremacist attitude helped split the unity of white and Negro members. If Negroes were permitted to stay in office they were "controlled" by white supremacist leaders.

With the union split by prejudice and thus weakened by the company laid off some of the best union men, Negro and white. Some of these were never called back and this further broke the strength of the union.

The company began right away to trim down most of the union's benefits. One Negro worker, Alec Nixon, who was a molder at $1.04 an hour was transferred to the rank of common labor at 91½ cents an hour. He left the plant and went to Chicago. Another Negro worker, Archie Edwards, had extra work put on him. He was thereby forced to leave the plant. He is now in California.

Negro workers who thought they could work along with the white supremacists soon found their pay cut, more work put on them, or were fired. These were the "benefits" of their working with such phony company stooges.

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NOW THAT THE UNION has been beaten down, speedup is back on the job. The company finished its 1949 contract as early as September. Since then there has been irregular employment in the foundry.

Today grievances of the workers are not handled, there are many layoffs, speedups, and poor conditions of work. The union is weak. No one believes that it will "stand by the workers." Few attend meetings and new employes are not invited to join the union.

## Can Mother and Baby Live on $50 a Month?

By Lillian Long

NEW ORLEANS, La.—It takes a truly epic quality for one lie to stand out among the colorful and complicated lies which enliven the pages of the two main New Orleans newspapers—the Times Picayune and the Item. Of such quality, however, is the blandly insolent pronouncement of the Department of Welfare that hitherto it has been "giving people on relief 100 percent of their needs" but will now be forced, grieving, to "cut it to 75 percent or less."

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ABOUT ONE-QUARTER or a little less of these are old-age "assistance" grants. The other three-quarters are families—two people or more. "I don't see how they figure," says the old lady on $26 a month. "It's too much for my mind."

It's fantastic, of course, to ask how she lives on that sum. She doesn't live, she merely hopes to survive from day to day.

"I never see my check," says the young woman with the two-year-old baby. "Out of $50 for the whole month, $12.75 goes for rent, (she has a housing project apartment), $3.40 or more goes for the kerosene I need to cook and heat the house with. They haven't turned on the gas there yet. It's at least $12 a month for the baby's milk bill. When she was 11 months old, the baby swallowed a sewing needle. They can't operate on her till she's six and now she can eat hardly anything but milk, so I have to buy it. And then I go to the cheap groceries right away and buy $20 worth of groceries. Yes, I buy the cheapest and most filling foods—like rice and beans and cereals and grits. It doesn't last more than two weeks, though. There's no way in the world to make that food last more than two weeks for both of us. And besides that when I get the check I'm usually in debt for the last month so $5 to $15 has to come out of it before I start.

"In the middle of the month, I run out of food, that's all. I just run out. I come up and stay with my sister and eat with her. If I didn't have a family to come to when I run out—I don't know. As it is, I have to borrow the last part of every month and pay it back when the check comes."

Everyday necessities? She's been so long without them that she doesn't know what it's like to have them. It was this young woman whose baby, a few weeks ago, was running a high fever. At Charity Hospital they told her the baby had to have penicillin. But, they said, you must pay $1.20 for the penicillin.

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WHERE DOES A MOTHER on $50 a month get $1.20 for penicillin? Lucky I was able to borrow it," she says. "I don't know, seems to me if the baby had of been dying for penicillin—seems to me they'd almost let her die if I couldn't get that $1.20."

And now a cut in relief! Theoretically the reason is a decrease in the intake of sales tax money, out of which funds for the Department of Welfare are budgeted. The decrease is because people are buying less and therefore paying less in sales taxes. Actually, the corrupt political machine which controls the Louisiana State treasury is determined to keep its full measure of profit and graft and to make the most needy section of the population bear the burden of any decrease in buying power of the public.

It will take a mass demonstration to make them drop the lies and admit reality.

## Steel Local Loses Plant by Jimcrow

HOUSTON, Tex.—In one of the biggest and most important organizing tests to have taken place here in years, Phil Murray's United Steelworkers, CIO was defeated by the company union (Independent Metal Workers) at the big Hughes Tool Company Plant.

The results were:

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| USA-CIO | 1071 |
| Independent | 1171 |
| No Union | 26 |

The organizing campaign of the CIO was conducted on strictly Jimcrow segregated lines, with separate meetings and committees of Negro and white. This fatal procedure, which lay at the root of the previous defeats of the CIO at this plant, was continued under the directorship of James Dickerson, who was elected area director on the promise of "ending Jimcrow."

The discrimination against the hundred of Negro workers in the plant, who are all clasified as porters or janitors, regardless of type of work engaged in, and who have been systematically kept out of skilled jobs for which they are fully qualified, is one of the key issues in the plant.

The steel organizers never uttered a word on this in their material issued to the workers. The result was they did not succeed in winning over more white workers, and forfeited the confidence of the Negro workers.

# Pick Dodgers and Indians

## Worker Sees Braves, Bosox Runner-Ups

By Lester Rodney

Despite a rash of aching muscles, creaking arms and sore knees, the 1950 baseball season definitely will start on Tuesday and barring rain, 16 big league clubs will take the field to begin the long 154-game parade to glory, disappointment and $$$. The early line favors a repeat performance by the Brooklyn Dodgers in the National League, and the upending of the world champion Yankees by the twice-frustrated, power laden Boston Red Sox in the American. We go along with half that ticket.

There are lots of intriguing questions in thes_ races. In the American League, the outstanding questions are:

Can the Yanks get another big performance from the remarkable 35-year-old Joe DiMaggio, still the game's greatest all round performer when sound? Even if Joe stays in one piece, won't he be fading a little more rapidly past his peak? How about 34-year-old Tommy Henrich, who survived a rough season but is starting this one with an ailing knee? Who's on first? Rizzuto had his greatest year but he's a year older at 32 . . . can the upcoming young men stocking a strong bench fill the gap quickly enough this year and with the powerful pitching pull the Stadiumites through again?

Will the power laden Red Sox, nipped on the final day for two seasons in a row because of bad starts, turn on the heat from the start aided by a schedule which has them at home 22 of their first 30 games, and rocket out of sight to win in a romp?

Can the exciting rookie slugger Luke Easter, plus a pitching revival by Feller and Bearden, put the still very dangerous Cleveland Indians back on top?

Can Red Rolfe, as shrewd and resourceful a young manager to hit the big time in years, pull a miracle with his Detroit Tigers based on a tremendous outfield, deep and good pitching, and spirit, despite big question marks in several positions?

IN THE NATIONAL, the mid-winter notio was Brooklyn bigger and better than ever, possibly to romp as the Cards went into a long expected fading act.

Now there's new excitement in Boston as the Braves, with a refurbished outfield boasting the slugging powers of Sid Gordon and Willard Marshall and the potential talents of rookie Sam Jethroe, plus a pitching comeback by Johnny Sain, are looking up. And the Cards, with Musial in his prime, Slaughter showing no signs of distintegration, and strong basic pitching, have plenty of backing.

Both leagues, as we see it, have three serious pennant contenders and two outside possibilities. I rate the Dodgers, Braves and Cards, Yanks, Bosox and Indians in the first category, the Giants, Phils, Tigers and A's in the second, and out of the flag picture completely the Pirates, Reds, Cubs, Chisox, Browns and Senators.

But enough of this shilly shallying. Let's pick 'em in order with a few words on each team. First the American League.

### Indians

Here are the reasons I see a return of Cleveland to the top. First, they have added long range power in the booming bat of Luke Easter, who through the spring circuit began to show that his prodigious slugging on the Coast last year was not a flash in the pan. A fast big-



HOW'S THAT KNEE?
TOMMY HENRICH

man who has surprised as a right-fielder, this 6-4, well muscled Negro star is the type who can turn things upside down if he gets the range and holds it.

The Indians dropped from first to third last season. One of the big reasons was the drop in Lou Boudreau's batting mark from .355 to .284, and though he was coming fast at season's end, it was too late. Lou himself says he came to camp overweight and out of shape after an unavoidable winter on the banquet circuit, but he's ready and sharp this time.

Potent reserve strength has come along to change the picture. Behind the slick Mickey Vernon at first is Herb Conyers, who rapped .355 for the Texas League title and r.b.i.'d 134 runs. Putting a new bark in the batting order and resting the classy receiving Jim Hegan is Jim Murray, who batted in 94 in the Texas and has looked even better than that.

There's a lot of talk about the Detroit and Boston outfields, but what's wrong with Cleveland's dazzling all star trio? Dale Mitchell, one of the constantly great post war stars, was the only A.L. player to get 200 hits last year, led in triples with 23 and hit .317. Larry Doby, supposedly having an "off year", batted a productive .280 and hit 24 homers, third highest in the league.

The youngster who came right out of the Negro league into the big time figures to improve some in his third year. Then there's Easter and an improved Allie Clark tigl.ting to get into things.

Al Rosen could make a big difference at third and Bob Kennedy can always do a better than competent job there. Rapidly development fielder in for Joe Gordon is little touted Beto Avila, a sleeper who could emerge suddenly with a bang.

It should be recalled that the Indian pitching staff last year had the lowest earned run percentage in the majors, this dispite lame duck performances by Feller and Bearden, both of whom look much more like their old selves this spring. Bellcow of course is the strong armed steady 20 game winner, Bob Lemon, and young Mike Garcia is ready and willing as a strong second ace. Early Wynn and Sam Zoldak are two nominees for surprise performances here, and an acquisition of importance is Jesse Flores, once a consistent winner with the A's, who came back with 21 and 10 for San Diego last year.

That's it. I like the ballclub, think the outfield is tops offensively the pitching great, and Easter potent enough to tip the balance.

### Red Sox

You don't have to strain to make out a case for the Boston Red Sox to finish at least second. The difficulty is always in figuring how come they don't do it . . . easy.

The Sox last year had four hitters who hit over .300, three who who drove more than 100 runs across, including the top two of either league, the two winningest pitchers in the league in Parnell and Kinder, and the devastation of the game's greatest and most prolific hitter, Ted Williams.

They have the same team back, except that rightfielder Al Zarilla, an important acquisition, is there all season. He knocked over 80 runs in part time duty. Mickey McDermott, the "next Grove," should presumably make the pitching better.

So why don't I pick 'em, especially since they're apt to get a much faster start due to the schedule break? On intangibles, the fact that Stephens, Doerr and Dom are a year older, not to mention Tebbetts, that something somehow always seemed lacking when the Sox came up to the big moment, that Kinder won't repeat his surprise big year and McDermott will be less than another Grove.

But, who knows?

### Yanks

Briefly on the Yanks. We thought they would fade to third last year and they picked up all the marbles. Can't see DiMaggio and Henrich, the two big guns, going all out long enough this year. The team is in an inbetween stage, with subtly fading stars, and up and coming replacements of the Bauer, Martin type not yet ready to go it alone. This despite pitching which could be as good as any in front line strength, and Joe Page still around.

Of course, it's always dangerous to count out the likes of Joe DiMaggio, at any age.

### Tigers

I think the Detroit outfield of Wertz, Groth and Evers is great and will be even better. The pitching, headed up by the formidable young Houtteman and backed by Trucks, Hutchinson, Newhouser, Gray and Rogovin, can't be bad. But I don't see the club as a real flag threat because I think Priddy is a little overrated and past his peak at second, Kryhoski is not yet a class player, and Lipon not a pennant winning shortstop. Kell is swell, and young Ginsberg could be the league's coming catcher. But too many ifs.

### A's

I'll get a big fight from Philly on this, but can't see the A's for beans. True, they got Dillinger, but they had plenty of good scatter hitters. They simply don't have the big booming punch and the pitching can't carry the attack. Take the classy infield combine. Joost tapered off to .263 and is getting along. Suder is a .267 rapper. Fain, never what he was touted, was .263. And the outfield hasn't the big guns to carry this crew.

### White Sox

Like the Chisox to come up a way, with Gus Zernial back in form and one of the authentic righthand power sockers, an exceptionally talented young shortstop rookie in Al Carresquel, bought cheaply from the Brooklyn chain at 30 Gs, more infield punch from Majeski at the price of a little speed, and a flock of lefthanded pitchers who will make some teams sorry. Bill Wight, Bob Kusava and Billy Pierce really have it and are coming fast. The second named could move along soon into the premier southpay spot in the league. Randy Gumpert is now an established righthander.

Big hole is at first. If the Sox can pry Mickey Vernon from Cleveland without giving up too much they'd even be a good outside bet for the first division. So it seems from here. Watch that Carresquel. They tell me he has it.

### Browns

The Browns have a rugged path ahead but should beat out the Nats in the fight for the cellar, despite the handicap of an all year psychologist on the bench. Vievers and Kokos in the outfield are genuine articles, Garver and Fannin are pitchers, Moss an underrated young catcher and Billy De Mars a much better shortstop than the Browns have had since Stephens left.

If Al Widmar, 22-game winner at Baltimore, is given the ridiculously low minimum salary he wants, the staff will shape up a little better. But the De Witts seem to prefer to lose him and invoke the baseball blacklist to keep him out. If they do, I hope Widmar wins his lawsuit and makes the Browns and Happy Chandler pay through the nose.

Say, looks like we'll have to hold the National League till next week, with full detailed rundowns on each of the eight teams, whose order we have already selected. Nothing that happens between Tuesday and next weekend can make what we write for next week's papers TOO silly.

Meanwhile, if you think we're way off on any of the teams, why just say so and you'll find it in print. We like arguments as much as the next guys.

And have you sent along your contribution to the fund drive of our fighting paper to keep it going for peace? If you haven't, and maybe if you agree with my pennant choices (ahem), why not send it credit of this writer and it will be happily acknowledged.

## JUST ONE MAN'S OPINION

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| BROOKLYN | CLEVELAND |
| BOSTON | BOSTON |
| ST. LOUIS | NEW YORK |
| NEW YORK | DETROIT |
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| CHICAGO | PHILADELPHIA |
| PITTSBURGH | ST. LOUIS |
| CINCINNATI | WASHINGTON |



A BIG YEAR LEFT?
Joe DiMaggio

## The 'Line' Says Dodgers, Bosox

ST. LOUIS, (UP).—Oddsmaker James J. Carroll established the Boston Red Sox 13 to 10 favorites to win the American League pennant and the Brooklyn Dodgers 6 to 5 choice in the National.

Other odds in the American are New York Yankees, 5 to 2; Detroit Tigers 4 to 11, Cleveland Indians 6 to1, Philadelphia Athletics 10 to 1, Chicago White Sox 60 to 1, and St. Louis Browns and Washington 100 to 1 each.

In t he National the St. Louis Cardinals are 3 to1, Boston Braves 4 to1, Philadelphia Phils 8 to1, New York Giants 12 to 1, Pittsburgh Pirates 20 to 1 and Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds 50 to 1 each.

WORKER Sports

# 10-Week Fight Opens To Renew Rent Lids

(Continued from Page 1)

lord lobby. Spokesmen for this group have repeatedly sought blanket increases ranging from 25 to 50 percent. They have declared publicly that rents should be pegged higher than 150 percent of pre-war levels!

Severest hit, should rent control be defeated, would be the Negro population, already locked in bitter struggle with rent-gouging landlords. The inadequate protection offered under the existing law would be wiped out, leaving more than a quarter of a million Negro Chicagoans to the mercy of ghetto landlords and race-hating real estate operators.

AIDING the landlords' drive for higher rents is the sabotage of new low-cost public housing by Mayor Kennelly, abetted by aldermen who are openly serving the rent profiteers.

In Washington, imminence of the rent crisis has hardly affected the congressional calendar of war appropriations and red - hunting with which the politicians have busied themselves. While foes of rent control have taken over newspaper headlines with predictions of its death after June 30, Administartion spokesmen have done little to guarantee its victory.

A bill to continue the present rent law, introduced by Illinois Congressman Adolph Sabath, has been termed "weak, and inadequate," by friends of rent control.

ANOTHER proposal by Reps. Brent Spencer (D-Ky) and Barratt O'Hara, (D-Ill) would "compromise" the law, providing for state option to substitute the federal law with local measures. This bill has been described as a retreat from the principle of strong federal protection by organized tenant groups in Chicago, New York, and other sections of the country.

Critical of congressional delay on the issue, the Chicago Tenant Action Council and other civic and labor groups have called on Illinois senators and congressmen to take immediate steps to insure a strong rent measure.

To prevent the threatening catastrophe of de-control the groups have proposed a 3-point program which includes: (a) adoption of state and local laws banning evictions for the duration of the housing emergency; (b) a state law enabling local rent control; and (c) a strenghthened federal measure.

To win this program, one spokesman declared, "we must have an avalanche of letters and delegations to officials at every level of government.

"It's either action by the people now," he concluded, "or a landlords' holiday after June 30."

## Ill. Assembly May Get Push-Button Roll-Call

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The next session of the Illinois Legislature may find a mechanized roll-call system in operation, with push buttons replacing the lengthy procedure of verbal "Ayes" and "Nays."

A special committee was to submit plans to the attorney general this week for the installation of a $72,000 electrical vote recorder.

## whats on

### CHICAGO

"WITHOUT PREJUDICE," new Russian film, and "The Roosevelt Story." Double film feature. April 15. Union Baptist Missionary Church, 949 N. Orleans St. 7:30 p.m. Auspices, Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

EARL ROBINSON CONCERT. Board of Jewish Education Bldg., Recreation Hall, 72 E. 11th St. Also Jewish People's Chorus and Big Bill Broonzy. Saturday, April 22, 8:15 p.m.

BREAD AND BUTTER Conference on Child Welfare. Saturday and Sunday, April 15-16. Hull House, 800 S. Halsted St. Conference will prepare program to be presented to President Truman at Annual White House Conference.

"WITHOUT PREJUDICE," new Russian film, and "The Roosevelt Story." Double film feature. Sunday, April 16. Progressive Hall, 306 E. 43rd St. Second Floor. 7:30 p.m. Donation 50c. Auspices Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

LAST CHANCE to see great new Russian film "Without Prejudice." Last showing, Monday, April 17 at South Side Community Art Center, 3831 S. Michigan. See also "The Roosevelt Story." 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

THE JEWISH PEOPLE in Poland today. Movies taken in Europe and discussion by Boris Steinberg, just returned. 3420 W. Roosevelt Rd., Liberty Hall. 8:15 p.m. Thursday, April 20. Sponsored by 24th ward, Progressive Party. Admission free. Refreshments.

"LONG VOYAGE HOME," John Ford's film presentation of Eugene O'Neil's play. Starring John Wayne, Thomas Mitchell, Barry Fitzgerald. Saturday, April 22, 8:30 p.m. Esther Hall, Jewish People's Institute, 3560 W. Douglas Blvd. Sponsored by Thomas Jefferson Chapter, APC. Admission 55c.

TWENTIETH JUBILEE of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order, IWO. Sunday, April 23. Orchestra Hall, 224 S. Michigan. 2:30 p.m. Bear Paul Robeson, guest artist, "Score for Progress," dramatic narration. Federal Laredef Glee Club, JPFO Choral Society and Children's Chorus of JPFO schools. Also Rubin Saltzman, General Secretary, and founder JPFO. Tickets, $2.50, $1.85, $1.25, 90c. Available at JPFO office, 64 W. Randolph. AN 3-2660.

"CHAPAYEV" and "The Lower Depths." Two of the greatest Russian films featuring leading artists of the Moscow Art Theater. Presented by Modern Book Store and Chicago Worker's School on fourth monthly forum Sunday, April 23. Woodrow Wilson Room, International Relations Center, 124 S. Michigan. 3 p.m. Donation 60c.

MAY DAY Rally for Peace. Largest Rep. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, James W. Chicago May Day Celebration in years. Fred and others. Sunday, April 30. Ashland Auditorium, Ashland and 19th Sts. 7 p.m. Sponsored by Communist Party of Illinois.


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## Money Talks

### FUND DRIVE FACTS

Since our last venture into print, our lack of sympathy with "hard luck" stories has caused us to be likened to the villain in the old-time flickers who unhesitatingly foreclosed the mortgage on the old homestead in the teeth of a howling blizzard. We have been alternately vilified and cajoled. However, we remain completely unmoved. We will continue to call 'em the way we see 'em. And if the results don't look good in cold type let's change the results, not the typist.

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SECTION STANDINGS

| Section | Goal | Turned in | Percent |
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| SHOCK BRIGADERS: | | | |
| 1. Johnstone | $ 3,300 | $1,640 | 50 |
| 2. Loop | 10,000 | 4,815 | 48 |
| GOOD WORKERS: | | | |
| 1. Packing | 1,200 | 443 | 37 |
| 2. Cacchione | 6,500 | 2,315 | 36 |
| 3. 8 South | 1,000 | 345 | 35 |
| 4. West Side | 6,500 | 2,234 | 34 |
| 5. Steel | 2,500 | 817 | 33 |
| 6. Lieber | 1,500 | 495 | 32 |
| SUB-PAR PRODUCERS: | | | |
| 1. Hyde Park | 2,200 | 670 | 30 |
| 2. 9 North | 2,200 | 590 | 27 |
| 3. Southwest | 3,000 | 775 | 26 |
| LAGGARDS | | | |
| 1. Central | 1,200 | 230 | 21 |
| 2. 12th C.D. | 5,400 | 1,018 | 19 |
| 3. Crafts | 3,600 | 710 | 19 |
| 4. Southern | 1,500 | 154 | 15 |
| 5. Parsons | 3,700 | 572 | 15 |
| 6. Southeast | 3,700 | 523 | 14 |
| 7. South Side | 3,500 | 326 | 9 |

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SOME interesting things are revealed by the table. Most sections have moved forward since last week. JOHNSTONE and LOOP, however, are the only remaining 'shock brigaders.' STEEL fell 'way behind, was passed up by PACKING, CACCHIONE and WEST SIDE, all of which are moving forward in determined fashion. Moved perhaps by our caustic comment, both 12th C.D. and PARSONS have begun to show signs of life. At best these are only first stirrings, however, since they both remain behind to adorn the LAGGARDS category. SOUTHEAST, despite comforting assurances, has also done little.

CRAFTS, while still 'way behind, is our favorite to leap ahead in the next week. Having taken a look at itself and come away chastened CRAFTS shows real signs of activity, based on a political evaluation of what laggardism means to the fight to defeat the Mundt bill, to the defense of "The 12," to the appeal of Comrade Gene Dennis. How about the same approach, you other LAGGARDS?

—all out to the May Day meeting—

IT'S NOT too early to be thinking of how you plan to spend Saturday evening, May 20th. On that evening will take place the banquet honoring Comrade Alfred Wagenknecht's continued yeoman service in the cause of socialism over a span of 50 years. It will be a real honor to be present to honor 'Wag.'

All members of the Century Club and Fifty-for-Fifty Club who have fulfilled their pledges by May 15th will be honored guests. All clubs which have completed their quotas May 15th will be entitled to send one elected representative to the banquet.

Those who remember last year's affair will certainly be striving to make it again this year. Invitations will soon be circulating to those who did the job.

—remember: Sunday, April 30th!—

# A Message to All Communists

## From the State Board and Education Department, Communist Party of Illinois

Comrade Foster in his letter to the recent meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party, stated: ". . . let me once again stress what I consider to be the greatest of all the weaknesses of the Party, namely, its lack of systematic theoretical work."

In seeking to overcome this weakness, the National Committee highlighted the fight for Marxist-Leninist ideology, pointing out in a major resolution, that "a Party member who does not learn, who does not increase his Marxist-Leninist knowledge, cannot fulfill the role of a Communist." The meeting further pointed out that the battle of ideas is a vital part of the struggle of the working class against reaction.

Wall Street and its agents continually pour their poisonous ideas into the minds of the working class through the schools, the press, the radio, the films . . . ideas which retard the working class in its daily struggles as well as in its forward march to socialism, and which even seep into the ranks of our Party.

White chauvinism, anti-Semitism, justification for the "cold war" by developing an American conceit and sense of superiority over all other peoples, anti-Sovietism, identification of the interests of the American workers with the interests of Wall Street — these are only a few of the forms of their poison. They are trying to destroy pride in our democratic traditions, destroy our heritage of struggle for freedom, bury the history of the Negro people. The ideas of the ruling class must be defeated in the ranks of labor and the people's movement if we are to stop the drive toward war and fascism.

To accomplish this, we must overcome the contempt for theory which is a historical weakness of the American working class and which reflects itself even in our Party.

With this in mind, the State Board of the Communist Party of Illinois calls on all its members to immediately take steps to strengthen themselves politically and ideologically by undertaking systematic study of Marxist-Leninist theory. One of the major instruments for such study is the Chicago Workers School. Its courses offer our members the best single avenue for year-round study of all major aspects of the science of Marxism. We therefore make the following proposals:

1. That all Clubs take immediate steps to mobilize its members to take courses at the school. The Spring Term opens April 17.

2. Every club should guarantee that all club leaders regularly attend the school.

3. Special steps should be taken to guarantee attendance for the courses on The Negro Question, the courses on ABC of Marxism, the course on the History of the Communist Party, USSR: Lessons for America, the course on the Theory and Practice of the United Front.

4. Section Committees should make special efforts to assure attendance of all Section Committee members, comrades who are active mass leaders in the shops, unions and mass organizations.

5. Section Committees and clubs should take steps to bring non-party workers to the school by reaching them in the mass organizations of the people.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, State Executive Secretary,
DAVID EINLESTEIN, State Education Director,
Communist Party of Illinois.

# Threaten to Switch Mundt Bill Action For FEPC in U. S. Senate

CHICAGO.—Sen. Scott W. Lucas was being bombarded with demands this week that the scheduled consideration of FEPC must not be substituted with action on the fascist-like Mundt-Ferguson Bill.

Such a maneuver was reported to be in the making this week, with a bipartisan coalition of Senate reactionaries preparing to force through the switch.

Lucas failed to state his opposition to the Mundt Bill to reporters in Washington who quoted Rep. Ferguson (R-Mich) that the Truman Administration is bucking the police state bill bill. Lucas retorted that the Michigan Congressman was "just talking politics."

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MEANWHILE, the Chicago Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill this week issued a statement urging protests to halt the proposed Senate maneuver.

"Sen. Lucas has been promising action on FEPC," a spokesman said, "and any deal to substitute the Mundt Bill would be a double betrayal of the American people."

The FEPC was on the Senate calendar for Monday, April 17. However, the measure may not be called if the Administration wants to give priority to Marshall Plan legislation.

## U. of C. Maroon - Hits Mundt Bill

CHICAGO.—The Chicago Maroon, University of Chicago campus newspaper, last week called on students and faculty to speak out against the Mundt-Ferguson Bill. "This is the time for every member of the faculty and the Chancellor (Robert M. Hutchins) himself to speak out by endorsing Prof. Malcom Sharp's denunciation of the bill, now going the rounds," the Maroon editorial declared.

"There comes a time when it is the last chance to so speak. This might just be it."

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THE CAMPUS paper said that the bill is "tailor-made to give life-and-death power over any organization of Americans to the Sen. McCarthy-Rep. Rankin type of political demagog."

The MAROON urged that protests be sent to Senator Scott W. Lucas who "has the power to call it up or not as he sees fit."

"No student on this campus should fail to convey this sentiment to him, as well as Senator Paul Douglas," the editorial stated.

## Illinois Teachers Oppose Oaths

CHICAGO. — The AFL Illinois State Federation of Teachers will take a stand against the Mundt-Ferguson Bill, it was indicated this week. Action will be taken by the organization's legislative committee, it was learned from Mary Rutledge Wheeler of Oak Park, the committee's chairman and a national vice-president of the American Federation of Teachers.

"It's a bad bill," she told the Illinois Worker.

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MISS WHEELER also disclosed that the state teachers' federation has, in effect, warned the Illinois Legislature not to revive the fascist-like Broyles Bills which were defeated at the last session.

The annual state convention of the teachers' organization in Bloomington last week went on record against the kind of "non-Communist" oaths which were contained in the Broyles Bills.

The convention, which was made up of 100 delegates from 23 teachers union locals, declared opposition to any legislation "which would unnecessarily deny teachers the fundamental rights of American citizens." Miss Wheeler said that this action was specifically directed against the Broyles Bills.

In other actions, the teachers federation endorsed: (a) extension of social security to teachers; (b) federal aid to schools; (c) state legislation for the establishment of nursery schools.

Population of Illinois welfare institutions is edging toward the 50,000 mark. On March 1, it reached the all-time peak of 48,708, an increase of 750 as compared with a year ago.

## PP to Name Ill. Slate at Parley

CHICAGO.—The Progressive Party of Illinois announced plans this week for its second state convention next Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 16 at the Packingsouse Labor Center, 49th and Wabash.

The keynote address will be delivered by Prof. Curtis D. MacDougall of Northwestern University, the Progressive candidate for U.S. Senator in the 1948 elections.

Business of the convention will include nomination of statewide candidates in the 1950 elections, adoption of a state platform for 1950 and the election of officers of the Progressive Party. Most important job of the convention will be the selection of the candidate for U.S. Senator.

As the convention call states: "The people of Illinois are looking for a suitable alternative to the twin Lucas-Dirksen candidacy chosen by the bi-partisan advocates of reaction and war. Our party is faced with the responsibility of choosing a people's candidate for U.S. Senate, as well as other important state posts."

Registration opens at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15. Opening session—1 p.m.

### 106,000 Families Here Lack Decent Plumbing

CHICAGO. — Some 106,000 Chicago families are without a private bath, private flush toilet or running water, it was reported this week in a survey by the University of Chicago and the U. S. Census Bureau.

The survey also showed that 46 percent of the private homes in the city have mortgages.

### Chicago Painters Get 10c Boost

CHICAGO.—Wages of Chicago's 13,000 union painters were upped ten cents last week by agreement between contractors and the Chicago AFL District Painters' Council. The increase, which established scale at $2.47½ an hour, brings painters' pay closer into line with that of other building trades workers. Average for the trade is $2.50.


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# Senator Myers: *Do You Remember?*

**Senator Myers:**

**Will you fight to bury the Mundt Bill?**

**You are answering constituents that you "oppose thought control legislation that would undermine basic civil liberties." But you do not mention the Mundt Bill itself.**

**Where do you stand, specifically, on this police-state measure?. The Mundt Bill would outlaw Communists. It abridges the rights of all who would advocate an end to the Cold War, extension of the New Deal, and the democracy of Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln.**

**Labor—your main support for re-election—has come out unequivocally against the Mundt Bill. So have dozens of liberal, Negro, Jewish, Chuch, and civic groups whose support you have had, and are now seeking again, for the 1950 elections.**

**Their position is your mandate. You owe them a direct and specific answer. Will you, as Democratic majority whip, fight to keep the Mundt Bill off the Senate floor?**

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# WHY WAS B-29 OVER USSR?

— See Page 3 —

## York Conference Wins Support as Hacks Sling Mud

**HARRISBURG.—While old party politicians are fighting for headlines in the current primary election fights, a grass roots movement is quietly gaining rank and file support among the people.**

**It is aimed at uniting Pennsylvanians on a non-partisan basis against the cold war, and for a fighting program for peace, jobs, civil rights.**

**Without much fanfare, petitions are being circulated for a special session of the State Legislature to enact emergency measures to meet the growing unemployment and relief crisis.**

**Every 10 signatures qualify a delegate to a statewide Conference of Progressives which a nonpartisan group of over 60 Negro and white church, labor, civic and professional leaders have called for York, May 13-14.**

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**MEANWHILE, here is the way the old-party 1950 election campaign is shaping up:**

**Rivals in the Republican primary election are vieing hotly for the people's love—and votes. They would have us believe that their fellow Republicans are supported by "political gangsters" who take money from "houses of ill-repute," "gambling rings" and "whiskey and railroad lobbies."**




**These verbatim Republican descriptions of each other as "insurance and bond czars," "scoundrels" and "plunderers," are being mutually proclaimed as Gov. James Duff battles Congressman John Kunkel, and banker Jay Cooke battles former Judge Fine for the GOP nominations for U. S. Senator and Pennsylvania Governor.**

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**THE PENNSYLVANIA WORKER is reliably informed that after the May 16 primary election things will be different. The people will then have decided whether the banking house of Morgan (Jay Cooke & Co.) or the rival banking house of Mellon (Duff & Co.) is to be their Republican champion in the November election.**

**The chosen nominees then will be acclaimed by their erstwhile opposing "scoundrels" and "plunderers" to be the only candidates who can lead 10,000,000 Pennsylvanians into a better and purer life.**

**Thereafter, right through the November election, the Republicans are all expected to pronounce that the only evil folk in the state are the "Communists"—meaning anyone who opposed Rutherford Hayes for President in 1876.**

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**THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS have already shown, in the person of their candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, Judge Musmanno, and their police-state terror in Pittsburgh, that they intend to prove themselves more "anti-Communist" than the Republicans.**

**Even the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, not noted for its liberalism, had to denounce Judge Musmanno, who poses as a "liberal." He was severely censured by the court for excluding a woman from the jury on the grounds that she was a "Communist."**

**Meanwhile, Richardson Dilworth, Democratic candidate for**

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**SMILE OF VICTORY! Delegates from the South Philadelphia Tenants Committee stop an eviction and win other concessions at City Hall. Shown above (l. to r.) are Mrs. Nellie Garnett, Mrs. Mattie Austin, Committee chairman. Both were among the families saved from eviction. Chick Katz, a member of the Committee, is Communist Party organizer, Waterfront Section.**

## S. Phila. Tenants Force City To Halt Eviction Proceedings

**PHILADELPHIA.—A group of fighting tenants in South Philadelphia swiftly organized themselves last week and hit back at their profit-gouging landlord by forcing city officials to halt eviction proceedings against them. They did it by marching into the office of Herbert Packer, director of the Health Department's Housing Division, and demanding he act in their behalf. Under pressure, Packer agreed to halt the eviction action and granted several additional concessions.**

**The tenants, who live at 245 Queen St., were led by Mrs. Nellie Garnett, Mrs. Mattie Austin, of the South Philadelphia Tenants Committee, and Chick Katz, Communist Party organizer, also a Committee member.**

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**THEY CHARGE their landlord is trying to evict them in order to make minor repairs on the building and then re-rent the dwelling at considerably higher rentals.**

**Eleven families had already been forced to move. Five families refused to leave and on April 12 were to face court eviction proceedings instituted by the city.**

**After meeting with Packer for two hours, the tenants' delegation won these gains:**

**1) It agreed to order the city to halt eviction action.**

**2) Tenants are to be permitted to remain in the building a "reasonable length of time.**

**3) They are to be permitted to move out of danger areas in the house and into other apartments.**

**4) After the tenants finally move, the building will be padlocked until legally required repairs are made.**

**It was learned that the landlord had failed to register the property with the Federal Housing Expediter's office until Mrs. Austin, chairman of the delegation, had filed a complaint.**

# Phila. Group to Lobby Against Mundt Apr. 18

PHILADELPHIA. — The newly formed Philadelphia Committee to Defeat the Mundt-Ferguson Bill is sending a delegation to Washington April 18 as part of a nation-wide demonstration against the police-state measure. A local broad conference of Mundt bill opponents is being considered by the new Committee, permanent headquarters for the organization have been set up in the Abbott Building, 210 N. Broad St.

SPONSORS FOR the new group include Rev. Kenneth Ripley Forbes, Rabbi Meyer Finkelstein, the Rev. W. C. Williamson, James Price, Mrs. John R. Skeen, Rabbi S. H. Markowitz, Harriet Guignon, the Rev. Allen S. Kramer, the Rev. J. Quinton Jackson, the Rev. D. Wilmot Gateson, Mrs. Gertrude Dubinsky, and S. Beryl Lush.

The launching of a mass campaign in Philadelphia against the Mundt bill will be carried on by a committee of 15, it was announced, who will seek to involve organizations as well as individuals in the work.

MRS. ADELE MARGOLIS was elected executive secretary of the steering committee.

Members are: Mrs. Lillian Narins, Anna Pennypacker, Rev. McDaniel, Edwin Lawrence, Harriet Guignon, Harry Levitan, Rabbi S. H. Markowitz, Sol Rotenberg, John Holton, Jack Zucker, Thomas Delaney, Mrs. H. Casey, and J. Fralev.

## PHILA. PEACE RALLY TO HEAR MRS. ROBESON

PHILADELPHIA. — Mrs. Paul Robeson, an active participant in the worldwide peace movement among women, will be the speaker at a meeting April 22, called jointly by the Committee of Philadelphia Women for Peace and the Philadelphia Labor Committee for Peace.

In making the announcement, Mrs. Mercedes Bond, chairman of the women's group, pointed out that Walter Winchell had attempted to label the committee a "Communist front" by associating Mrs. Robeson's name with its activities.



"Actually, we are honored by this association," said Mrs. Bond, "and proud to present to Philadelphia one of our nation's foremost fighters for peace."

Stimulated by the action of the committee in organizing the citywide campaign for thousands of Ballots for Peace, a number of community groups are now being formed around the demand of outlawing the H-bomb.

A peace rally held last week in Francisville (47th Ward) brought together a group of 100 persons who voted support for the women's peace program and undertook an intensive campaign on the peace ballot in that neighborhood.

At a similar rally in South Philadelphia, Rosen Gaulden, Fourth Congressional District Communist chairman, spoke on the growing war danger and a program of obtaining signatures on the peace ballot was adopted.

## How to Win Housing

*AN EDITORIAL*

THE POST WAR housing crisis is reaching another peak in Philadelphia. The Negro people have been hit hardest. However, thousands of white families are among the 100,000 living in sub-standard homes in this city.

With rent ceilings collapsing, hovels unfit for human habitation are being used for housing and are bringing fantastic rentals.

Five years ago The Worker warned that even if low rental housing at the rate of 25,000 homes a year went into construction, the housing crisis would merely be eased.

BUT NO LOW RENTAL HOUSING HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN AT ALL.

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THE PHILADELPHIA Housing Association reports:

Evictions continue at the rate of 800 monthly. Sixty-five thousand families are still living doubled up. No vacancies at all under $50 monthly.

No new postwar housing for families needing two bedrooms unless their income is $4,200 or more.

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WHAT CAN be done?

Tenants should organize on an apartment, and block basis to stop evictions, obtain rent reductions and force the city to compel landlords to make repairs.

The basic problem is to get more low rent houses built through State and federal aid.

The North Philadelphia Committee on Jobs and Housing is helping to form branches throughout the city. Its leaders, who can be contacted for information on specific housing problems are: Walter Wayman, 1808 N. 24th St.; Protho Wayman, 1725 W. Columbia Ave.

Demonstrations for peace, civil rights and jobs will take place throughout the city on Saturday, April 29, to celebrate May Day. These May Day rallies can become powerful demonstrations by the people to get decent homes—NOW.

## Allen Tenants Form 'Watch Dog' Committee to Fight Eviction

PHILADELPHIA. — Tenants in the Richard Allen Homes, a government housing project, are fighting eviction in the growing housing squeeze. Under leadership of a newly formed Tenants Committee, block-by-block "watchdog committees" to prevent evictions are being formed. Action was started after a tenants' delegation to the Philadelphia Housing Authority did not receive satisfaction on the following demands:

1) That rents be returned to 1946 levels.

2) That no tenants be evicted.

The delegation included: Mrs. Sandra King, Lesey Tompkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Smith.

Some of the tenants face eviction because they can't pay the high rents charged for apartments. Others because they earn "too much" to live in the Homes, originally built for low-income families.

## Hit Ouster Of Lorch

PHILADELPHIA. — The summary dismissal of Dr. Lee Lorch, assistant professor of mathematics at Pennsylvania State College, puts an official state institution on record against defense of Negro rights by its faculty members, the Progressive Party declared last week.

Dr. Lorch's dismissal followed a meeting with A. C. Morse, assistant to the president at Penn State, in which the mathematics teacher was sharply criticized for his activities in connection with the Committee to End Discrimination in Stuyvesant Town, a housing project in New York City. The first Negro family to live in Stuyvesant Town moved into Dr. Lorch's quarters there as his guests when the professor left for State College.

Support for Lorch and praise of his professional qualifications came from the mathematics departments of two Pennsylvania colleges, as well as from one of the most important technical institutes in this country. The American Association of University Professors intervened directly in Lorch's behalf.

## York Conference Wins Support

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Governor, is on a baby-kissing round of the state, making "liberal" speeches designed to offend none and elect him to the state's highest post.

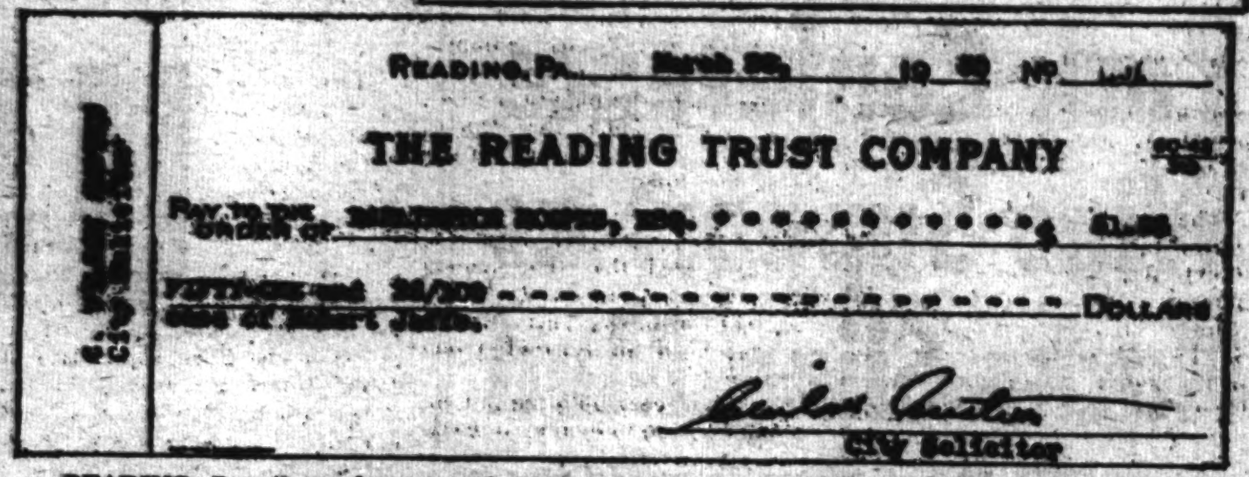
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DILWORTH'S PROMISES have been described as "spurious . . . worthless and meaningless" by a fellow Democratic contender for the gubernatorial nomination, Clarence Bowers, Reading businessman.

Bowers also brought a "class angle" into the primary battles by describing Dilworth as a "dilletante from the Main Line and Rittenhouse Square social set."

Thus, the old parties, in their own words and deeds, are giving the people a 1950 election "choice" of being "plundered" by Republican "scoundrels," or betrayed by Democratic "Main Line liberals."

It is against this unsavory background, which the primary battles are revealing, that the York Conference of Progressives is drawing the attention and support of thoughtful Pennsylvanians.



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READING, Pa.—A speedy victory for free speech and constitutional rights was won here when President Judge Mays of Common Pleas Court set aside a magistrate's conviction of Robert Jaffe, Southeastern Pennsylvania Communist organizer, for selling the Pennsylvania Edition of The Worker.

The $51.25 fine Jaffe had paid was returned to him by the City of Reading. Jaffe immediately announced that he was turning over the refund to the Communist Party Fund Drive.

Attorney Darling Hooper, Socialist candidate for Congress, represented Jaffe.

Jaffe had been arrested March 16, jailed and held incommunicado eight hours without food and without any charges. Denied the right to have counsel and witnesses at the magistrate's hearing the following day, he was found guilty of "littering the streets."

# Ask Mayor to Oust Raiders In Drive Against Cop Terror

By Norman Anderson

PHILADELPHIA.—City officials are being petitioned to clean-up the notorious Eighth and Jefferson Sts. police station following the illegal raid, arrest and fining of 20 Negro and white men and women at a quiet social gathering in North Philadelphia two weeks ago.

Under fire are Mayor Bernard Samuel, Police Superintendent Howard Sutton and the Civil Service Commission. They are being asked specifically to suspend Captain Richard Keaser, of the 12th Police District, Sergeant Riegel and four other officers involved in the raid. All are attached to the 8th and Jefferson station.

There demands are being raised by the Communist Party of the Fourth Congressional District and the Civil Rights Congress in their campaign against intimidations and terrorization of the vast Negro community in North Philadelphia.

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THE RAID, which took place late Saturday night, April 1, was pilloried in featured stories in the conservative weekly newspapers, the Pittsburgh Courier, Afro-American and Philadelphia Tribune.

It has aroused the outspoken hundreds of Negro and white citizens in the area, who for years have been incensed at the unbridled terror campaign conducted in Negro communities by Philadelphia police.

At a street rally at 13th and Norris Sts., last Saturday, Rose Gaulden, chairman in the 4th CD, denounced the raid as part of the official policy of "plunder, search and seizure" of the Negro people.

She warned that every act of terror that goes by unchallenged is another step toward opening the gates to an encroaching police state.

In the South, she said, the Negro people are standing up and fighting KKK terror. The Negro people in the North must do the same, she warned, if we are not all to suffer a complete blackout of liberty.

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OTHER SPEAKERS, including Tom Nabried, Wilson Long and Frances Gebow, cited the long record of terror against the Negro people built up by police at 8th and Jefferson, and other stations in the Negro communities.

They recalled that Byard Jenkins was framed and Mrs. Ethel Maxwell was severely beaten at 8th and Jefferson. And that two Negro mothers were slugged by cops from the 10th and Oxford Sts. station just recently.

Thousands of less publicized incidents take place every day, they said, in which Negroes are jailed on trumped up charges and given a police record in order to keep them in a state of oppression and fear.

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THOUSANDS of leaflets and hundreds of copies of the Pennsylvania Worker explaining the case and calling for protest action have been distributed in the area of the raid.

Angry citizens are planning delegations to Mayor Samuel, 4th District Congressman Earl Chudoff and Theodore Spaulding, Negro Republican candidate for the 4th CD seat, to back up their demands for official action against this terror.

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## What's On?

ELLIS DELACY, former Congressman and now Progressive Party state chairman, Israel Epstein, author of "Unfinished Revolution in China," speak on "World Peace and ..." Monday, April 18, 8:30 p.m. Academy of Music Foyer. Broad and Locust Sts. Auspices Progressive Forum. Admission 75c.

W. E. B. DuBOIS speaks on "Freedom" in this Progressive Forum series April 28, 8 p.m. Albert E. Kahn discusses "Revolutionary High Treason," April 21. Cecil Gubbins [illegible]

ALEXANDER FORTHOFF Memorial Exhibition, through May 7 at Felton Gallery, 1630 Sansom St. Broad and Locust Sts. Daily 9 to 5.

# WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NEWS

## Strikes Hit Speedup At Crucible Steel

PITTSBURGH.—Mounting unemployment, accompanied with increasing speedup, has erupted in two strikes in Crucible Steel Co. plants in Western Pennsylvania. The Pittsburgh plant was tied up the beginning of the month for three days by a walkout of its 1800 workers in a protest over the Company's attempt to compel three or four men to set up a rolling mill for production in place of the customary crew of 32.

The local had not authorized the strike but Felix Koslowski, its president, declared that "the union is fighting for its life" at the plant and that "the Company is trying to get away with things they are not allowed to do" by the union contract.

About the same time 100 hot strip mill workers at the Company's Midland, Pa., plant struck for three days against attempts to squeeze their wages rates.

Both walkouts were ended by orders of union officers to return to work. The Pittsburgh grievance was submited to arbitration.

**UNEMPLOYMENT** among workers in the steel fabricating plants has been increasing rapidly. Nearby McKees Rocks is a blighted area.

The Pressed Steel Car Co., which in boom times employed 2,500, has been closed for nine months. Denying rumors that the plant is to be torn down, John I. Snyder, Jr., president of the company, stated in an interview in New York April 5 that "when and if we get some orders to build some new cars, we'll get back into the picture there (in McKees Rocks)."

Another McKees Rocks plant—the 52-year old Fort Pitt Malleable Iron Co.—went out of business the end of last month. Many women were among the 264 employees who lost their jobs. Some workers had been with the firm for nearly 40 years.

Lack of orders was assigned for the closing, though company officials declared the plant was about due to close in accordance with the will of its founder who died in 1943.

The Southern Car Wheel Co., in adjoining Hayes, threw some 500 workers out on the street when it stopperd operating the beginning of the year.

The whole industrial Allegheny Valley is becoming a blighted area. State unemployment compensation reports show far heavier outgo throughout this area than income, with the total for the state at two and a quarter times the receipts from employer sources.

Causes for the growing blight over this key industrial area is not only the use of more modern machinery as emphasized by Philip Murray in his address to the recent State CIO convention, but even more, to factors ignored by him. These are the terrific speed up pushed everywhere by the employers and the Truman administration's action in barring American exports to the biggest markets in the world—China, the Peoples Democracies of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

The Steelworkers Local of the McKee Rocks Pressed Steel Car Co. recognized that the opening of such foreign markets would furnish their members jobs. So far that has been an isolated action in this area.

A 30-hour week with the present 40-hour pay (no reduction in weekly wages) would enormously increase the purchasing power of millions throughout the country and thus increase jobs. Many workers feel this shorter work week should becoem a MAIN demand

The recent cut of $2 per month to every person on relief by the Republican state administration, together with renewed efforts by employers to reduce their payments to the state unemployment compensation fund, are making action by the labor movement on these problems all the more urgent.

## Won't Yield to Redbaiters, Says Duquesne Steel Worker

By James H. Dolsen

DUQUESNE.—Anthony J. Salopek, a former financial secretary of Duquesne Local 1256 of the United Steelworkers and one of the most active of the original organizers of the union, is still deprived of all his rights in the organization except that of paying dues and working in the local plant. He had been indefinitely suspended by the international executive board of the union last March for having distributed alleged "subversive" literature at the gates of the Carnegie-Illinois mill here in June, 1948—nearly two years ago.

Salopek, in an interview in the McKeesport Daily News following his suspension, termed the action a frameup. He accused George Ponist, president of the Duquesne Local, of maintaining his position by red-baiting tactics. Ponist has been very active in the attempt to silence Salopek's voice in the local union.

"I wil not yield an inch to these red-baiters, these anti-labor and un-American forces, regardless how far they go in their violence and provocations," was Salopek's reply to the attacks on him. "If the things I am fighting for — better wages and working conditions, full employment, adequate housing, FEPC for protection especially of the Negro workers against discrimination, more democracy and a peaceful world—if these make me a Communist, then I must be one."

The "subversiveness" of the leaflets distributed by Salopek consisted, according to the charges against him, of "supporting the activity and conduct of Nick Migas a known member of the Communist Party." This referred to the condemnation in the leaflets of the beating up of Migas at the 1948 national convention of the union by goons of the Murray-McDonald forces.

The leaflets charged that the union leaders were "pleasing the companies instead of preparing the membership to push for wage increases," that they were "fostering an anti-Communist drive aimed at depriving the union of its militant fighters," and that the International Board was carrying out a "policy of collective begging" in the steel contract negotiations of that year.

A special trial committee elected by Local 1256 acquitted Salopek of the charges and the membership twice upheld his acquittal. However, a majority of the officers of the Local appealed for a review of the case, which was conducted by a special commision of District 15 of the union. The commisison recommended a year's suspension.

This did not satisfy Salopek's enemies so the matter was taken up again by the International Executive Board, which was reported to have felt that the penalty was not "stiff enough." Stool pigeon Cvetic's allegation that Salopek was a Communist was utilized by the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, which holds top positions in the international union, to increase the reactionary pressure for Salopek's exclusion from all steel union activity.

### Hotel Union Condemns Mundt-Nixon Bill

PITTSBURGH.—The executive board of Local 237, Hotel and Restaurant Employes Union, AFL, at its meeting April 3, passed a resolution condemning the Mundt-Nixon Bill and urging a vigorous fight against it. The Local represents 6,500 workers in the food industry of this area.

The executive board of the United Stone & Allied Products Workers Union, CIO, with locals in seventeen states including a number in Western Pennsylvania, has urged its branches (locals) to join the fight against the Mundt-Nixon Bill.

## Anti-Communist Repression in W. Pa. Rebuffed

PITTSBURGH.—The attempt of the big Pittsburgh papers, especially the Pittsburgh Press, to stampede the people of Western Pennsylvania into a wild anti-Communist hysteria is receiving some vigorous checks.

The pro-fascists responsible for the terrorization got another check in the announcement last Saturday (April 8) that a "statutory court" of three federal judges—would convene April 14 in Pittsburgh to pass on the constitutional questions involved in the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education's attempt to ban certain groups from use of schools and to fire a teacher whom stool-pigeon Matt Cvetic alleged is a Communists.

Last Tuesday President Judge John Biggs, Jr., of the U.S. Circuit Court, was to hear the appeal of Miss Dorothy Albert, the teacher, for an order which would prevent the school board from taking any further action in her case until a court decision on the constitutional issues raised.

Charles W. Kerns, Jr., radio script writer and announcer, who had been suspended by the executive board of the local AFL Federation of Radio Artists as a result of Matt Cvetic's allegations was reinstated at a special meeting of the same board.

Meanwhile the organizations against which the repression has so far been principally aimed—the Communist Party and the Progressive Party—have been going on about their work.

The Communists have distributed thousands of copies of the leaflet "What his wife thinks about Matt Cvetic—FBI Stool-Pigeon and Labor Spy" and another leaflet containing a reprint from the Homestead Daily Messenger of an interview with Elmer Kish, a Communist steelworker, on the Communist Party's position on issues raised in the hysteria.

The Progressive Party is busy with its preparations for the coming election primary and with establishing its organization throughout this area.

All progressive elements are active in the fight against the Mundt-Nixon Bill, with a number of large unions already on record against it.

The notification to the Progressive Party by the State Election authorities that it was recognized as a legal political party in Pennsylvania hit certain groups within the Democratic Party machine in Pittsburgh pretty hard. They had hoped for an exclusion of the Progressive Party from the state election fight, which they believed would be to their advantage. Pittsburgh Mayor David Lawrence's refusal to condemn the repression that has been going on and maneuvers within the Allegheny Board of County Commissioners which is controlled by County Commissioner John Kane indicate some groups involved.

# Frankly Speaking

### A Dangerous Precedent

Note: The following article by Harold L. Keith, labor editor of the "Pittsburgh Courier," is reprinted from its issue of April 8. While we do not agree with everything Mr. Keith says, his views indicate an awareness by certan Negro spokesmen of the de astating effects of redbaiting on the Negro people, particularly the Negro workers in the trade unions.

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**MILITANT ALEXANDER WRIGHT** has been purged from his job as a district representative of the CIO United Stone and Allied Product Workers of America (CIO).

Although Mr. Wright has been named as a Communist by Matthew Cvetic in the recent "expose" of local redlings, he has issued a public denial before an official meeting of the CIO Steel City Industrial Union Council.

Whether or not Mr. Wright is a Communist is not for this writer to judge. However, it is well to point out that his dismissal marks a dangerous, precedent-setting trend which points a dagger at the aspirations of militant Negro trade unionists throughout the nation.

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**REGARDLESS OF THE MERITS** or demerits of communism, the fact remains that a fundamental law of our land has been violated by the USAPW. Wright's ex-union has evidently tossed the book out of the window, and ripped Lady Justice's blindfold from her brow, in disregarding the old axiom that the "burden of proof" should rest on the accuser.

Instead, they have used the good old Dixieland style of justice wherein the accuser points his finger, the axe falls, and the incident is considered closed.

Mr. Wright's differences with the House Un-American Activities Committee should, seemingly, have nothing to do with his union activity. At least the union's constitution plainly states: "The objective of the union is to unite in one organization in conformity with its jurisdiction all workers regardless of sex, race, creed, color, religion, political affiliation, or nationality, eligible for membership in the US and APW of A."

However, this is evidently not the case.

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**USAPW EXECUTIVES** have given the lie to their own constitution. This action means that the membership of that union no longer has the final say about how their organization should be run. Wright's dismissal means that a man can be elected by the membership and still not be guaranteed of holding down the job.

The shift of the burden of proof from the accuser to the accused sets up a precedent within the USAPW that stamps it as being among the many dictator-ridden labor unions of our country.

It is significant, that in Mr. Wright's case . . . he was the FIRST Negro to win such a post within USAPW . . . and he was re-elected to the job by the workers despite the spirited opposition of his foes.

**IT IS NOTEWORTHY** to mention that a vast majority of Negroes who once held high-ranking posts in labor have been relegated to the bonepile of discarded Communists, Communist sympathizers, Progressive Party members, and suspected Communists.

As the right wing elements have been "pressured" into command, fewer and fewer Negroes have retained positions of power and influence within labor. Under the present setup, few will attain better jobs unless they begin to present some sort of a united front in fighting for the bread and butter issues.

Oddly enough, the bread and butter issues have been shunted into the background as turmoil-ridden labor attempts to clean house of Communists and at the same time get the "right people" into the right jobs.

Note: Last week's Worker published an expose of the frameup plot to expel Wright from his local, Branch 46 of the US & APW. Wright's appeal from the expulsion by a minority of the Local's executive board is scheduled for the meeting of the local April 15.

## MINE CLOSING, MEN JOBLESS

PITTSBURGH — Within less than a month from the settlement of the coal strike mines are being closed, with thousands of miners thrown out of jobs before they have had a chance to clear themselves of debts accumulated during the past year of struggle. Additional thousands are getting only part-time employment.

The Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal Co. closed down its Sagamore Mine at Indiana, 275 men lose their jobs. It laid off 214 at its Yatesboro Mine.

The Springfield Coal Co. closed its No. 22 mine at Nany Glo, with 72 employes employes. Peale, Peacock & Kerr Inc., discontinued its No. 9 mine at St. Benedict, where 71 men worked.

The Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Co. is closing its Acosta mine near Jennerstown where 175 were employed.

A miner's wife writing to one of the Pittsburgh papers points out that the coal "shortage" about which the newspapers made such dire predictions during the strike "vanished overnight after the contract was signed.—Two, three and no-day work weeks are already in effect. No one knows how many more of us will lose jobs. Nowhere is anything done to care for displaced workers."

Meanwhile an article in the Pittsburgh Press tells of the 'world's first 'push-button' mine, with its huge coal output almost untouched by human hands, swinging into operation." It is the new Weirton Steel Co. mine near Morgantown, W. Va., "to be a million-tons-a-year producer."

Developments are keeping the miners right in the front line of the class struggle in America.

### Courier to Air Race Relations Program

PITTSBURGH.—The Pittsburgh Courier is sponsoring a Town Meeting of the Air program over radio station WCAE and a nation-wide hookup Tuesday, April 18, at 8:30 p. m. The broadcast will be made from the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, 5th Ave. and Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh.

Participating will be Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University and a leading Negro educator; and Rep. Brooks Hays of Arkansas. They will discuss "What Effect Do Our Race Relations Have On Our Foreign Relations?"

Admission tickets to the hall may be obtained from the Pittsburgh Courier, 2628 Centre Ave. and 205 Triangle Bldg., or from WCAE, Wm. Penn Hotel.

# Anti-Semitic Sheets Get Big Coca Cola Ads

Americans who put down their nickels for the "pause that refreshes" may unwittingly be helping to "refresh" the treasury of an anti-Semitic Ku Klux Klan hate-sheet. For, according to the publication, **Opinion, A Journal of Jewish Life and Letters**, two Ku Klux-ish papers, papers, **Parson Jack** and **Johnson's Georgia Tribune** are being supported by national advertising from the Coca-Cola Co.

The Klan is violently anti-Catholic, as is well known; and Coca-Cola boss James A. Farley is probably the most prominent Catholic layman in America.

But both Farley and the Klan are notoriously pro-fascist and anti-Communist.

And, declares Joseph Brainin in Opinion (in his article, A Call To Action; The Rebirth of Oragnized Anti-Semitism work in America):

"... the Klan has also intensified its anti-Semitic work in accordance with the Merwin K. Hart formula of indentifying Jews with Communists."

HART, the head of the pro-fascist National Economic Council, claims to have discovered "atomic anti-Semitism", according to Brainin. For "why revive the dusty, discredited legend of the "Elders of Zion", when one can make the absurd story of a Zionist-Communist alliance palatable to big business?"

"Never before (except possibly at the very height of the Hitler regime)" declared Brainin, "has so much money been spent in America for the production and distribution of literature directed against the Jews."

"Over $1,000,000 was collected by the leading bigots in a 12-month period," the annual survey of race prejudice made public by the Anti-Defamation League last week disclosed.

Merwin Hart's outfit got "at least $140,000" in 1949, the League reported; Gerald L. K. Smith "more than $150,000"; Gerald Winrod, "about $100,000"; Upton Close, $50,000; Joseph P. Kamp, $50,000 and Allan Zoll, former fund-raiser for both Hart and Kamp, $40,000.

"Fifty-seven anti-Semitic organizations were active in 1949", according to the League.

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WARNING AGAINST "indifference" being shown by Jewish organizations and the concentration of "virtually" all attention on the new state of Israel, Brainin explains that people must not be lulled because:

"In the past few years anti-Jewish feeling has no longer manifested itself through the relatively petty means of physical violence or destruction of property (the short-range anti-Semitic policy), but has entered the psuedo-respectable phase of natonwide 'education' (the long-rang policy of anti-Semitism)."

The Peekskill riots of last summer, Brainin says, marked a return to this "short-range policy."

Financing this "education" in fascist anti-Semitism, by contributions to Hart's organization, Brainin declares, is a roster of major corporations and prominent individuals, including Lammot duPont; Union Carbide; Gulf Oil; Empire State Building Corp.; American Cyanid; Mohawk Carpet Mills; ex-Senator Albert Hawkes and John J. Raskob.

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THE WALL STREETERS pay for the dissemination of such poison as the following excerpts from Hart's news-letter:

"The fact is that Zionists and Communist influence (at times the one is stronger, at times the other—frequently they work together) has dictated and controlled practically all moves of American foreign policy since 1933". Substituting the name "Zionist" for "Jew", Hart goes on to say that "these forces dictated the setting up of the UNRA under the control, first of Zionist Herbert H. Lehman and second, of Zionist LaGuardia."

Brainin lists many other anti-Semitic hate sheets. Rapping the "irresponsible action" of the leaders of the American Jewish Committee and others who participated along with Hart and other anti-Semites in the "All-America Conference to Fight Communism" last January he called for "unity" and "vigilant and militant defense" to stem the "rising tide of anti-Jewish feeling."



ASKS RIGHT OF ASYLUM: Mrs. Eleanor Wheeler joins with her husband in asking Czechoslovakia to grant them a haven. George S. Wheeler (left) and Jiri Hronek, secretary of the International Organization of Journalists, pictured last week in Prague.

# Americans to Stay In Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE.—Two years ago an American journalist and economist came here to study. Now he asks that the Czechoslovak government grant him and his family a haven here as a political refugee. He is youngish looking 42-year-old George S. Wheeler of Rollingway, Wash., wartime economist in the U. S. War Department, postwar head of the denazification branch and policy chief for the labor office in the American Zone of Germany.

In announcing his decision to a meeting of journalists here he said: "I came to know Czechoslovakia well. I became acquainted with her people, her endeavors and her constructive efforts . . . and I also got to know real democracy.

"Today I am casting up accounts—comparing an America of Wall Street, Truman and Acheson, warmongers and atomic gangsters with the earnest efforts of Czechoslovakia to strengthen the peace front. . . . I declare before the world that I condemn and repudiate the war policy of American imperialism. I want to have nothing in common with the Gestapo methods of American policy. . . . I place myself proudly in the camp of peace and progress. I ask the Czechoslovak government to grant asylum to me and to my family and to give me the possibility of offering our training and knowledge to the world fight for peace."

# this is capitalism

## War's a Blessing to Capitalism

BOSTON.—When Communists and others says that capitalism needs and incites wars, they are reviled as "foreign agents." But Boston Globe business columnist T.G.M. admits: "War, of course, is the great alleviative to any economic problem with its astronomical consumption of goods while at the same time it draws manpower heavily away from the labor force."

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## Who Gets Rooked on Taxes? Right!

DETROIT.—Chrysler, Ford, Hudson, Kaiser-Frazer, Burroughs Adding Machine and other industrial giants got millions in tax cuts courtesy of the city treasurer. Chrysler got an $18,481,600 cut in 'personal property' assessment, saving $700,000 in taxes. The Michigan edition of The Worker, which owns all of five battered typewriters and some old desks, got a tax increase!

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## Not His Fault, But He Has to Pay

LOCKHART, Texas.—William Hagedorn, 77-year-old farmer, has to pay $3,126.84 plus costs as "damages" to a couple whose car went off the road near his farm to avoid hitting a mule. But the mule wasn't Hagedorn's, and the first court which held the old man responsible, on the plaintiff's say-so, never even notified Hagedorn to appear. The Texas Supreme Court finally ruled that the mule wasn't Hagedorn's all right, but he'd have to pay the $3,126.84 plus, anyhow, because he hadn't been "diligent in protecting his rights." The sum is far more than foreign-born Hagedorn has saved all his life. Ain't capitalist justice wonderful?

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## Sinclair Oil's Biggest Take

NEW YORK.—The Sinclair Oil Corp. has announced a net profit for 1949 of $54,073,338, after first deducting $5,000,000 for "possible losses in foreign exploratory operations." The take marked the company's second highest in its history.

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## 32 Living in One Room

DENVER.—A Denver census-taker found 32 persons living in one tiny five-room house, toolshed and garage. The household included a railroad laborer, his wife, 11 unmarried children, five married daughters, their husbands and nine grandchildren.

# Children, Above All, Loved Woodson

## MAN WHO PIONEERED STUDY OF NEGRO HISTORY INSPIRED MILLIONS

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON.—Of all the honors he ever won, Dr. Carter Woodson cherished most the home made scroll presented him by some Washington school children, his friends.

For Dr. Woodson, the son of former slaves, coal miner, teacher, author, and one of the all time great historians in the land, cherished children as much as they loved him.

They surrounded him, bouncing and shouting, whenever he walked the streets around his office in the vast jimcrow ghetto of the capital city. He sought their company, filling them with stories of the Negro lore he had accumulated in his mind and books for 40 years.

Mainly through his tireless work over those years, he inculcated his love for history, his burning desire to search out the truth about his people, into the minds of his children. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, followed him. They became diggers for the truth in the life and history of the Negro people.

When he died in his small apartment over his office on April 3, the world lost a gentle giant, a modern day John Henry and Paul Bunyon.

Almost singlehandedly, this straight-backed, strong-faced man resurrected his people's lost history, the buried legends of their struggles for freedom.

He was filled with a purpose as great as the strength of the two legendary giants. With his quick, retentive, orderly mind he plowed up the neglected facts about his people's history and set out their contributions to the world for the world to see and to use against those who would enslave Negroes and other peoples.

His genius as an organizer guided the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. And as its director he founded the authoritative Journal of Negro History, for historians and researchers, and later the Negro History Bulletin, for school children and teachers.

As an author, he was prolific. He produced eight books, hundreds of articles, several surveys, and for the last six-years had been writing a six volume Encyclopedia Africana.

When he found that few publishers would print his books, or other books about the Negro people, he founded the Associated Publishers "to make possible the publication and circulation of valuable books on the Negro not acceptable to most publishers."

He learned early that the rich money grubbing class had no use for his efforts to develop historical research and bring its results to the people.

The wealthy tried to wreck his campaign. But the working people rallied to his support—in the heart of the depression. The Association has been financially stable since then.

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Largely through his efforts, the nation today celebrates Negro History Week every February. He organized the campaign to dramatize the achievements of the Negro people. Later he said, the creation of that week "exposed the bias in textbooks, bared the prejudice of teachers, and compelled" treating the Negro people in history as other people are treated.

Dr. Woodson would have been 75 on Dec. 19. For 40 years of his life he dug in the rich veins of history just as he dug coal in Fayette county, West Virginia to earn enough money to go to high school.

Those years in the pits, and his earlier years on a Virginia farm helping his parents, tied him to the working class. He never lost those ties. They could not be cut, no matter how vicious the attacks against him were. And they were vicious in 1919 when he maintained sympathy for the Russian working people and their goal of Socialism. In recent years, he still insisted that the drive of oppressed people throughout the world toward Socialism was just, necessary—and inevitable. He saw it coming in China and Africa and was glad.



DR. CARTER WOODSON

# Southern Workers Battle Labor Bureaucrats; CIO Rightwing Brings Back Jimcrow Practices

## Negroes Segregated in Union Center; Kluxer Police Official Supported

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The CIO in Memphis was built on the policy of taking in all workers regardless of creed or color. This program was a great success as mass industries were organized and about 30,000 workers, a majority of them Negro, joined the CIO. But the present klan-minded, dixiecrat Memphis CIO leadership has gone back on the original CIO policies. They are to blame for the loss in union membership, for the division between Negro and white brothers, and for some unions being on the outside of CIO today.

They recently expelled, as part of CIO national policy, the Memphis FTA from the CIO council. This union is the symbol of struggle for better conditions for hundreds of Memphis workers, especially Negro workers. All the Negro people of Memphis know how this union has fought for the freedom of Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram.

In Memphis, FTA's president is a Negro. Two Negro women were employed as office workers by Memphis FTA in a Jimcrow city that knows few such openings for Negro women. This is the union that has been expelled from the Memphis CIO council.

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THE PRESENT CIO Memphis leaders have openly and disgracefully put Jimcrow into the Memphis CIO. In the CIO headquarters building the toilets have been marked off "for white" and "for colored" by the CIO leaders. Even meetings are now held on a segregated basis.

The white supremacist regional CIO director here, W. A. Copeland, refuses to place more than one Negro organizer on his staff. As a result there is only this one, single organizer in Memphis where there are 30,000 CIO members, a majority of whom are Negro. This one CIO Negro organizer is not allowed to have his office in CIO headquarters building. He must be Jimcrowed to another section of town in another building.

Copeland was a member of the Newspaper Guild in the 30's, then an AFL union, and the AFL council. When the guild voted to join the CIO Copeland hung onto his seat in the AFL council and did all he could to block the formation of the CIO.

He "controls" more than just Memphis CIO. He has tried to control Negro people's organizations. He has worked through Henry White, who is a representative of the United Transport Service Employes, CIO.

Copeland is not satisfied in keeping the CIO from fighting for the rights of Negro workers, but he also tries to prevent other Memphis organizations from doing so.

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ANOTHER WHITE supremacist and splitter of labor's unity in Memphis is Earl Crowder, who is representative of the United Steel Workers Union. Snuff workers in Memphis joined the Steel Worker's Union and went out on strike hoping for help of all organized labor in the city. When NMU and FTA members went down to help them they were run off by Crowder.







HERE'S ONE WAY Jimcrow has returned to the Memphis (Tenn.) CIO headquarters. The signs were put up by the West Tennessee Area Director for the Southern Organizing Drive.

Crowder didn't want the snuff workers to associate with members and leaders of these unions who oppose his policy of dictation and Jimcrow. Crowder is not an elected official but hired by Murray, as are all CIO officials in the city except those of the Firestone local.

Crowder has a reputation for being anti-Negro. When progressive white unionists speak out against the CIO's segregated toilets they are labeled as "reds" by Crowder. He says that Communists are leading this fight and that all know that "Negroes can easily be swayed by whites."

A Negro member of the council, Josh Tools, got up and said he resented Crowder's Jimcrow attitude and that he knew other Negro unionists resented it. For this Tools, who is a member of the national negotiating committee of the Firestone workers, was severely reprimanded by the Jimcrow CIO leadership.

It was CIO policy to fight for good labor laws, but here too the Memphis CIO leaders have strayed away from original CIO policy. They supported Clifford Davis for Congress, a man who voted for Taft-Hartley, and who voted again for it when he was returned to Congress. Davis is a former Klansman and city police commissioner.

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SOME MEMBERS of the CIO organizing staff distributed sample ballots which called for Davis' election.

FTA and other progressive union members supported a man who promised to vote for labor and against the Taft-Hartley. He is the Rev. Dwight V. Kaye, a Negro minister, who also favored FEPC and an anti-lynch law. Because FTA refused to support klan-minded, anti-labor Davis, is another reason it was expelled from the Memphis CIO council by the Crowders and Copelands.

The fight that progressive white and Negro CIO union members are putting up in Memphis for the real CIO program is taking place in every large Southern city. Workers everywhere in the South are showing that they refuse to accept the Jimcrow policy of the present CIO leadership because it is not the real CIO program. It is, on the other hand, the program of the Dixiecrats, their masters, the bosses, who are the only ones to profit when labor is split and divided.

## Ouster of Negro Leaders Broke Local's Power

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—When the men at the production foundry, Jackson Industries, had a fighting union they did away with speed-up, foremen swearing at the workers, and poor pay. Today, because the union followed a Jimcrow policy and refusal to fight for the workers, Jackson employes work under open shop conditions.

Just consider the men lifting 50-pound weights to cover molds. They lift about 4,000 to 5,000 pounds on a shift with only three, ten minute breaks. In the past the weight men worked a half an hour on and a half an hour off at this hard and very hot job. Now the weight men work in a foundry generally tells how all men are treated.

At Jackson the weight lifting job is "killing," one worker said. These workers groan and call for relief after their several hours of work, but are offered no help.

Before the union came the men had no special hours. They worked eight and a half to ten hours a day right through the hot summer months. The union made an 8-hour day with time and a half for over time. It won seniority, six holidays, vacation with pay, and bargaining rights to settle grievances.

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THE COMPANY was interested in breaking this union. Appeals to prejudice were used by white supremacists right in the union. Some of these said that Negro officers of the union should be replaced by whites, "then they could get more for us." This supremacist attitude helped split the unity of white and Negro members. If Negroes were permitted to stay in office they were "controlled" by white supremacist leaders.

With the union split by prejudice and thus weakened by the company laid off some of the best union men, Negro and white. Some of these were never called back and this further broke the strength of the union.

The company began right away to trim down most of the union's benefits. One Negro worker, Alec Nixon, who was a molder at $1.04 an hour was transferred to the rank of common labor at 91½ cents an hour. He left the plant and went to Chicago. Another Negro worker, Archie Edwards, had extra work put on him. He was thereby forced to leave the plant. He is now in California.

Negro workers who thought they could work along with the white supremacists soon found their pay cut, more work put on them, or were fired. These were the "benefits" of their working with such phony company stooges.

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NOW THAT THE UNION has been beaten down, speedup is back on the job. The company finished its 1949 contract as early as September. Since then there has been irregular employment in the foundry.

Today grievances of the workers are not handled, there are many layoffs, speedups, and poor conditions of work. The union is weak. No one believes that it will "stand by the workers." Few attend meetings and new employes are not invited to join the union.

## Can Mother and Baby Live on $50 a Month?

By Lillian Long

NEW ORLEANS, La.—It takes a truly epic quality for one lie to stand out among the colorful and complicated lies which enliven the pages of the two main New Orleans newspapers—the Times Picayune and the Item. Of such quality, however, is the blandly insolent pronouncement of the Department of Welfare that hitherto it has been "giving people on relief 100 percent of their needs" but will now be forced, grieving, to "cut it to 75 percent or less."

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ABOUT ONE-QUARTER or a little less of these are old-age "assistance" grants. The other three-quarters are families—two people or more. "I don't see how they figure," says the old lady on $28 a month. "It's too much for my mind."

It's fantastic, of course, to ask how she lives on that sum. She doesn't live, she merely hopes to survive from day to day.

"I never see my check," says the young woman with the two-year-old baby. "Out of $50 for the whole month, $12.75 goes for rent, (she has a housing project apartment), $3.40 or more goes for the kerosene I need to cook and heat the house with. They haven't turned on the gas there yet. It's at least $12 a month for the baby's milk bill. When she was 11 months old, the baby swallowed a sewing needle. They can't operate on her till she's six and now she can eat hardly anything but milk, so I have to buy it. And then I go to the cheap groceries right away and buy $20 worth of groceries. Yes, I buy the cheapest and most filling foods—like rice and beans and cereals and grits. It doesn't last more than two weeks, though. There's no way in the world to make that food last more than two weeks for both of us. And besides that when I get the check I'm usually in debt for the last month so $5 to $15 has to come out of it before I start.

"In the middle of the month, I run out of food, that's all. I just run out. I come up and stay with my sister and eat with her. If I didn't have a family to come to when I run out—I don't know. As it is, I have to borrow the last part of every month and pay it back when the check comes."

Everyday necessities? She's been so long without them that she doesn't know what it's like to have them. It was this young woman whose baby, a few weeks ago, was running a high fever. At Charity Hospital they told her the baby had to have penicillin. But, they said, you must pay $1.20 for the penicillin.

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WHERE DOES A MOTHER on $50 a month get $1.20 for penicillin? Lucky I was able to borrow it," she says. "I don't know, seems to me if the baby had of been dying for penicillin—seems to me they'd almost let her die if I couldn't get that $1.20."

And now a cut in relief! Theoretically the reason is a decrease in the intake of sales tax money, out of which funds for the Department of Welfare are budgeted. The decrease is because people are buying less and therefore paying less in sales taxes. Actually, the corrupt political machine which controls the Louisiana State treasury is determined to keep its full measure of profit and graft and to make the most needy section of the population bear the burden of any decrease in buying power of the public.

It will take a mass demonstration to make them drop the lies and admit reality.

## See Jump in Dixie Rents

Rents in Virginia and Alabama will be jumping up in a couple months. They will be decontrolled in these states and already control staffs have been cut to a minimum.

Those who rent their homes, apartments or rooms can expect their rents to increase by great leaps.

In Dallas, Tex., 67 percent of the decontrolled units got increases. Many rent raises amounted to 50 and 100 percent. In Knoxville, Tenn., 61 percent of the rental units under former control got substantial increases.

## Steel Local Loses Plant by Jimcrow

HOUSTON, Tex.—In one of the biggest and most important organizing tests to have taken place here in years, Phil Murray's United Steelworkers, CIO was defeated by the company union (Independent Metal Workers) at the big Hughes Tool Company Plant.

The results were:

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| USA-CIO | 1071 |
| Independent | 1171 |
| No Union | 20 |

The organizing campaign of the CIO was conducted on strictly Jimcrow segregated lines, with separate meetings and committees of Negro and white. This fatal procedure, which lay at the root of the previous defeats of the CIO at this plant, was continued under the directorship of James Dickerson, who was elected area director on the promise of "ending Jimcrow."

The discrimination against the hundred of Negro workers in the plant, who are all clasified as porters or janitors, regardless of type of work engaged in, and who have been systematically kept out of skilled jobs for which they are fully qualified, is one of the key issues in the plant.

The steel organizers never uttered a word on this in their material issued to the workers. The result was they did not succeed in winning over more white workers, and forfeited the confidence of the Negro workers.

# Hit Steel Speedup

## Locals Demand Convention Act

Walkouts of steelworkers in widely scattered plants throughout the country against intolerable speedup conditions have sharply put the focus on the issue of belly-crawling versus fighting policies in the steel union leadership.

Work crews are being cut; the remaining men are pushed to put out far more than before; tonnage and incentive rates are cut; individual workers are ordered to do the work of two men; foremen are becoming more arrogant.

In the face of this boss-onslaught union officials keep telling the workers there is nothing they can do about it. Despite this "advice," workers take organized strike action, as the stories on this page show, and are able at times to force the companies to back down.

This unbearable situation must be changed. Information at hand shows that a number of steel locals throughout the country have adopted resolutions for the coming steel union convention aimed at bringing these changes about.

The adopted resolutions include:

1. No changes in work loads, tonnage or incentive rates without the approval of the workers concerned and the union.

2. Rescind the no-strike clause from all contracts.

3. For memberships' right to strike vote and ratification of contracts.

4. Condemn U. S. Steel's failure to facilitate hiring of 5th step grievance arbitrator as "breach of good faith" and for militant union action to compel company to so do.

### Local Demands Right To Vote on Strikes

LOS ANGELES. – Steel Local 1845 at the Bethlehem Steel plant here has voted to ask the union's next convention to direct union-wide membership votes on all questions of strikes and settlements.

The local declared that before contracts, such as settled the recent steel strike, are signed the membership should get a chance to vote on acceptance.

### To Issue Material On Pensions, Welfare

Responding to many inquiries out of widespread dissatisfaction with the welfare and pension settlement in the steel industry, the Lake County Communist Party at Gary, Indiana, has undertaken a study and analysis of this problem.

Anyone interested in receiving a copy of these materials can do so by writing to Frank Mucci, rm. 5, 1088 Broadway, Gary, Indiana.

## Hammond

HAMMOND, Ind.–There's been a camel with a bad back walking around the American Steel Foundry plant here for months, and the company finally applied that straw which broke his back.

The straw turned out to be an attempt to make an oldtimer do the work of two men. He refused, and the company fired him. Whereupon all of the men, boiling over because of a mountain of unsolved grievances, walked off the job.

The international union called an emergency meeting through its stooge, local president Stanley Bigda, in order to force the men to go back to work. But the workers insisted on a strike vote, and forced it through. Only one man out of 600 at the meeting voted to go back to work. The stooge quickly adjourned the meeting.

The company soon enough found out what happened, and surrendered the very next day. The oldtimer is back on the job, doing only his own work. In addition, the company agreed to immediately arbitrate a whole number of long-standing grievances.

## Bethlehem at Lackawanna

LACKAWANNA. – Four hundred workers in the Bethlehem cold-strip mill here walked off the job last Monday night in protest at company speedup and the elimination of 27 jobs. Julian Bruce, international representative of the United Steelworkers of America (CIO) declared that the walkout was "unauthorized."

The workers returned to work on Tuesday while the union's grievance committee met with representatives of the company

Bruce, in a statement to the press, said the walkout occurred after the company, in a speed-up "readjustment," eliminated the jobs of inspector, tester and tester-helper and sent 27 men who had held these jobs back to the ranks. The installation of new equipment in the mill, he explained, made it impossible for inspectors to perform their duties properly.

Last month Local 2601, USA CIO voted unanimously to condemn Bethlehem for its "lily-white" policy in the strip mill.

## Chicago Steelworker Scores Pension-Welfare Settlement

EDITOR:

The pension-insurance deal Phil Murray made with the steel corporations is coming home to roost. The steel worker can now see for himself what we were handed by our leaders.

The insurance plan at Carnegie-Illinois gives no surgical care. The pension plan is the kind of company "welfare" we used to get during company union days. The company decides when a man is eligible, how much he gets, when he should be cut off—the company runs the whole show. We've got no say at all.

We pay about $7 a month and get much less than the miners, who get $130 in pensions and have a real hand in running the pension fund. So steel workers are plenty dissatisfied with Murray's raw deal.

At Carnegie, new reheating furnace rates brought a six cent cut for the men. At Republic (Local 1033) a rate adjustment grievance in the open hearth has been pending for two years. Meanwhile, the members freely talk how the Murray boys help themselves to the treasury instead of fighting grievances.

Here's hoping the membership is able to clean out the money-hungry job seekers and elect honest, good union men who know how to fight for the members' interests.

–A CHICAGO STEELWORKER.



GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE: "Hey! What happened to that 5th step grievance you took over five months ago? Did'ya lose that one, too?"

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE: "Tut, Tut! We never lose a grievance! Why, we've got grievances filed away for five years and haven't lost a single one yet!"

PENNSYLVANIA

## Steel Sparks

BY JOHN STUART

### BOSTON AND ATLANTIC CITY

**THE SITUATION** under which the fifth convention of the United Steelworkers of America opens its sessions in Atlantic City, May 9, differs greatly from that which prevailed at the Boston convention in 1948.

The war danger is sharper and the Truman foreign policy is seen as a war policy by more workers today. Peace sentiment and resistance to Wall Street's war program are greater. The illusion that Murray's support for the Truman-bipartisan foreign policy meant jobs or was "only for the record to take the heat off labor," has been badly dented.

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**THE 1948 CONVENTION STAND** of the steel union leaders that support for the employers' foreign policy was the "dividing line between patriots and traitors"; the basis for "uniting America" in a "classless America" where wages, working conditions and profits would all improve is seen by more and more workers as a fake and a fraud. In the two years since Boston, steel profits hit an all-time peak, while layoffs, speedup and a wage freeze hit steelworkers. While 28 steel companies amassed a $2,000,000,000 reserve, workers' savings dried up and families began to live from paycheck to paycheck, while debts increased.

The 1948 convention stand of the steel union leaders that supporting candidates pledged to the Marshall Plan in the elections would bring Taft-Hartley repeal, adoption of FEPC, housing, health and other labor-sponsored legislation, is now exposed as so much hog-wash in the face of the record—a record which every steel worker, Negro and white, can see and feel for himself.

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**THE 1948 CONVENTION STAND** of the steel union leaders against a militant, fighting wage policy, as expressed in their vile and contemptible attack on heroic Nick Migas, is now brought sharply home to all steel workers every pay day. When steel workers see new welfare deductions from their paychecks, less take-home pay than before, they now know that Nick Migas was speaking for them, while Phil Murray and his goons were attacking the rank-and-file when they ganged up on Migas.

The 1948 steel convention was the convention of the lamb lying down with the lion. The militant, fighting policies of the rank-and-file, expressed by many old-timers, progressives, Communists and non-party, were scrapped. Instead, "love-the-boss," bellycrawling policies were adopted. And, as though to drive a last nail into the coffin of fighting policies, the Murray machine adopted the anti-Communist clause, barring Communists and "followers of the Communist line" from holding office. Steelworkers have seen the payoff of these policies on their kitchen table in these two years.

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**MURRAY SENT A LETTER** to all locals warning against the election of Communists to the 1950 convention. Murray and his henchmen must, therefore, take full responsibility themselves for the conditions that prevail in the union and the industry today.

Without Communists around to use as a "whipping-boy" and as a diversion, how will Murray answer these questions:

**DID MURRAY'S "WAR ON COMMUNISM"** and unity with the bosses behind the cold war raise the wages and living standards of the steel workers?

Did workers get more jobs out of this cold war support, or did layoffs begin in steel?

**DID MURRAY'S SUPPORT** of the Marshall Plan get Taft-Hartley repealed, or didn't Truman use that vicious law to try to break the 10 months' long miners' strike?

**DID MURRAY'S SUPPORT** of Wall Street's foreign policy bring FEPC, or wasn't a phony bill passed which had the support of Dixiecrats, Republicans and Northern Democrats, all, and which, gives the Negro nothing, absolutely nothing at all?

**DID MURRAY'S SUPPORT** of Well Street's foreign policy bring housing for law-income groups—the workers—or didn't it encourage Truman to go ahead with his decision to build the Hell-Bomb?

As if to make sure that the rank-and-file would not be present in any large numbers to raise such embarrassing questions in the 1950 convention, the Murray machine railroaded through at Boston a decision to cut down the size of the convention. The Murray boys expect to put up a grand circus-style show at Atlantic City. But the rank-and-file is rapidly getting beyond the fooling stage, Mr. Murray!

# 'Dear Boss'— A LETTER TO PRESIDENT OF YOUNGSTOWN TUBE CO.

Mr. Frank Purnell, President,
Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co.
Dear Boss:

I read your letter to me and my fellow-workers as published in The Bulletin for March. In fact, to make sure I got the real meaning behind all the fancy words, I read it out loud to my wife and asked her what she made of it.

And boss, you know what? The little lady just don't understand you at all, she's got you all wrong.

Remember that part where you complain that the cost of modern, labor saving machinery "has risen from two to four times their original cost"? Well, she says that's because the steel industry has raised prices about 5 times since the end of the war!

Well, boss, I put my foot down and told her to not interrupt until I finished reading your letter. So she just listened and I finally got to the end of your letter, which, as you remember, went like this:

". . . . Any unusual work stoppages, unnecessary absenteeism, workmanship below standard which might result in poor quality, slowdown or featherbedding, or service not up to par – all these will affect the profit picture. And with reduced profit our plans for pensions for the future will be seriously impaired."

Boss, I thought I heard strong language on the job (and believe me, there's plenty to speak strong language about!) But you should have heard what the little lady said when I finished your letter!

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BUT to save your valuable time (by the way, just what do you do for an honest living?) I won't repeat the juicy words, and I'll just boil down what she said to the bone, just so's you get the idea:

"That --- is threatening you. He's telling you if you don't speed-up and knuckle under, the company is just going to cut out the pension you guys struck for six weeks to get.

"That is saying that free enterprise means profits and profits only, and that if profits go down, then the working man must take the rap. In other words, that --- is saying that profits come before people . . . why, that ---!

"Free enterprise, eh? So industry is working at near-capacity and there's over 6 million unemployed, and profits are at all-time peaks. So that's free enterprise, uh? Well, they know what they can do with it!

"And where does he get that nerve trying to tell you that profit is all that is left for the poor boss after he pays ALL his expenses? Why the only people that produce profit are the working classes, and the bosses take it all except the little for wages, and they pay for advertising, taxes, new machines, office help and lots more out of the profits made by the steelworkers. Who's he trying to kid, making you think that you're the least important guy in that mill?

"Why, if you go to the latrine for as much as 10 minutes, they send out an alarm after you. But if Mr. Purnell stayed in there all day, nobody'd miss him! Did you ever see him making any steel?"

YOU KNOW something, boss, she sounds like a Communist. But I like her, and I like her ideas, too, boss! So do lots of other Joes.

Now I don't like to make threats, boss. I'm a peaceable kind of guy. But how would you like it if I ended up a letter with these words:

"Any unusual speeding-up, unnecessary arrogance by the company, refusal to get grievances settled quickly, and other anti-labor activity – all these will affect the wage picture. And with attacks on our wages, our plans for continuing to stay on the job in the future will be seriously impaired."

Get the point, Boss? Well, lots of us are thinking this way, Philip Murray notwithstanding!

JOE DOAKS,
WORKER.

# The Town I Live in

By VICKY STEELE

**SALTY DEPARTMENT:** Don't understand why 43rd St. Virginia Theatre revived the Imitation of Life "freshened-up" with lurid anti-Negro slogans. Talked to the manager, who insists Southsiders enjoy the film, referring us to his cashier as proof. (Who pays her salary?) We can't afford to wait 'til "next time" to tell him or any other theatre manager it ain't necessarily so! This film (as does "Amos and Andy" on the radio) slanders and caricatures the Negro people. We don't like it! It's time we put an end to such trash. Speak up.

Speaking of films, don't forget the movie "Without Prejudice," being shown at the PP Hall, 306 E. 43rd, April 16, 7:30 p.m., under Chicago Council American-Soviet Friendship auspices. If you just happen to miss it there, it will be shown next night at the Southside Community Art Center. It's a treat!

**Hometowner Makes Good:** Former Chicagoan, playwright Theodore Ward's newest play, "John Brown," opens up on Broadway next month. That's the one Mr. Ward received some Guggenheim dought to get going, but which money was hastily halted when going got good! Judging by the scene read recently in one of the mags, it packs a mean wallop! The best of luck to you, Ted. You really deserve it!

**SMALL-TALK:** Gloomy Palm Sunday, but not even standing room at the Club Delisa for Provident Fashion Parade. All that sugar! . . . New poetry magazine hitting the stands shortly called Movement with the lushiest words describing its coming, we've seen in a long while. . . . Director Bill Nix shapin' up Center Aisle Player's production of "Edward, My Son," for YMCA, 38th and Wabash showing, April 14-15. . . . Paul Robeson returning next week for JPFO gala concert. . . . Artist Charles White (Chicago's finest) passing through town. . . . And goodness knows what-all!

**HOWARTH COOPERATIVE AT 4850** Greenwood fighting like crazy all the legal trappings thrown at them by the Oakland-Kenwood Planning Association that wants them out because of interracial tenants proving that it can be done. Planning association swears all up and down that reason is "a damn lie," but we figure things out for ourselves. The CO-OP has been putting up a valiant and long-time struggle to stay put!

**KNAPSACK:** PETTIS PERRY, CP Secretary of the National Negro Commission adds a new one to our collection: Says when folks tell him that John Rankin is a self-made man, he's glad to hear it—for if he is, that relieves God Almighty from any responsibility!

**WILLIAM S. WINN,** Assistant State's Attorney has a new solution to the problem of juvenile delinquency. He said juvenile delinquency was not caused by unemployment or poor housing, but because parents would rather work than take care of their children. When asked how parents could support their children without working, he spluttered into silence.

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**THANKS ACW, RL, BF** for those drive-bucks. Every little bit helps. Trouble is though it just makes us greedy for more . . . Aw c'm on, wontcha?

# Society to Blame For Youth Crime

By Sylvia Alexander

CHICAGO.—Send them to Sheridan Reformatory. That is the battle-cry of State's Attorney John S. Boyle. That is the answer he gives to the problem of juvenile delinquency. But according to one of the South Side's best known community leaders, that is not the right answer.

The answer, according to Mr. Wilson Head, Program Director, Parkway Community Center, is decent houses, good schools, playgrounds and parks, job training, and an end to racial discrimination and police brutality.

The housing problem, especially sharp on the Southside, was emphasized by Mr. Head.

"The break-down in family life is one of the main reasons for what we call juvenile delinquency," Mr. Head declared. "When four families are forced to live in the space originally meant for one," he said, "the children don't want to go home. They go home only as a last resort. They spend their time elsewhere — usually, by necessity, on the street. This is not the children's fault, this is the fault of those who obstruct public housing."

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A GRADUATE of Tuskegee Institute and Atlanta University and formerly Executive Secretary, Indianapolis NAACP, Mr. Head pointed also to the problem of unemployment, remarking that Negro youth are usually the first affected.

"That is important," he stated. "What shall the young people do? They are forced out of their homes by over-crowding. Jobs are scarce. They have no place to be and nothing to do. The next step is what we call juvenile delinquency, then St. Charles or Sheridan. That is bad enough," the Community Center leader declared, "but when they get out, they come right back into the same impossible situation."

Contrasting the eager, pre-election 'crime crusade' to Parkway's program of club groups, classes, sport and camping activities, Mr. Head declared that "Even these efforts don't go to the root of the problem. They are successful as far as they can be. But they are not basic solutions."

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TAKING THE QUESTION of drug addiction as an example, Mr. Head stated, "The dope problem ranks high among young people. The peddlers tell them it will give them a lift. It promises to take away the pressures they suffer from racial discrimination, poor living conditions, and all the rest. It is an escape. The real problem is their need to escape.

"We work with young people, but the trouble is not with them," Mr. Head continued, "The trouble is with the way they are forced to live. We blame the people who want to keep them in this situation. Juvenile delinquency is a symptom of the illness of American society."

# CHARGES THAT KIRKENDOLL IS VICTIM OF POLITICIANS

CHICAGO.—What is happening to the Kirkendoll Case? This is the question being asked of the Civil Rights Congress, according to Lester Davis newly appointed executive secretary of that organization.

The Civil Rights Congress graciously stepped down from the helm in favor of these "influential" individuals in the Democratic Party, Republican Party and other organizations which condition their activity in behalf of the convicted youth upon their taking over the management of the defense campaign.

Bob Kirkendoll is still languishing in jail. Facing a 75-year sentence on a trumped-up charge of rape, the young Negro had his plea for a new trial denied last week by Judge George M. Fischer. The motion for retrial was presented by Civil Rights attorney Edmund Hatfield.

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ALTHOUGH MRS. JEAN KIRKENDOLL has asked Attorney Aaron Payne to represent the family, Mr. Payne told the DuSable Worker that he has not yet decided to take the case. He did not appear in court when the motion for a new trial was made.

The decision of Mrs. Kirkendoll to retain Mr. Payne as attorney is seen as the result of pressure from outside forces mentioned already in this article. According to Mr. Davis, no effort is being to get bail, no funds are being raised by these people for his defense.

Bob Kirkendoll remains in jail, victim of the frame-up attributable directly to his refusal to pay off in the shake down racket of the police operated against South Side produce vendors.

# Cabrini—A Lesson In Democracy

There is no patience among Cabrini Homes tenants members to unsegregateed housing and their stall on selection of sites for the 10,000 additional public housing units available to Chicago under the Federal housing program.

Residents of the Near North Side project, erected nine years ago to house low income families, were indignant over the anti-Negro bias underlying the public housing stalemate when our reporter interviewed them recently.

"It's the City Council that's prejudiced, not the people who need homes," declared Mrs. Gladys Perkins, who lives at 937 S. Mohawk. "Let them give people the chance to live together—they'll find out," she continued "that their talk about prejudice is nonsense."

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THE CABRINI PROJECT is living proof of Mrs. Perkins' words. Here 564 families, Negro and white, have built for themselves a harmonious community, rich in mutual understanding, proud in cooperative achievement.

At the core of project activities is the dynamic Cabrini Tenants Council. Mrs. Perkins husband, William, an employe at International Haryester, serves as the Council's Safety Committee Chairman.

"Those aldermen should drop in here and watch us," he said. "We work on our problems together, we visit each other socially, we play baseball together," he added.

He told how the action of Negro and white tenants had saved children's lives in the project, by

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Negro movements and urged vigilance and smoking out these enemies. Hell stated that Trotskyites and Social Democrats were not to be trusted and quoting Frederick Douglass, he said: "You mut watch those who get old clothes from the big house."

"We are proud to be humble students of Marxism-Leninism," Mr. Perry said. "Under this influence there are now 800 million people in the world marching under the banner of socialism."

off traffic through its streets.

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ONE OUT OF EVERY seven project children was being injured or killed by trucks and cars when the Tenants Council raised its demand for roadblocks. The politicians, heading local businessmen who objected, rebuffed the tenants.

"Then the Wolfson baby was crushed to death under the wheels of a truck," Perkins said. "You remember how we lined up in a human barricade on Cambridge St. then. It took a baby's life to get our story into the papers. We got the roadblock."

Mrs. Grace Clark, a former president of the Cabrini Tenants Council, told of other achievements by the organized project residents, and of the problems that remain unsolved.

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A PLAYGROUND, originally left out by project planners, was one of the Council's early victories. Tenants pooled funds to buy play equipment.

A bitterly fought issue, as yet unrealized, is adequate public school facilities for project children. The Jenner Public School, built to accommodate 800 children, has 1,500 enrolled now.

"To the shame of the school authorities," Mrs. Clark said, "they have almost succeeded in making it a Jimesow school. White children are discouraged from attending."

White parents, she said, are urged to remove their children from the school. Where they have resisted, school authorities have classified the white children as 'problems,' and shunted them to other institutions, blocks away from the project.

"The Tenants Council is fighting for more and unsegregated schools in this neighborhood," declared Mrs. Clark.

Cabrini tenants have won that argument for the Dixiecrat-minded aldermen who fear unsegregated public housing. Here, where four-fifths of the 564 tenants are white, and one-fifth Negro, it is a Negro woman, Mrs. Ruby Calliet, who has been chosen by the vote of her neighbors as chairman of the Cabrini Tenants Council.

# Negroes Face Fascist Peril

CHICAGO.—At a packed meeting of the South Side section of the Communist Party held last weekend, Pettis Perry, chairman of the National Negro Commission of the Party, declared that the main question facing the Negro people today is the threat of war and the danger of the fascism in America.

"We must understand", Perry asserted, "what is happening in America and its special significance to the Negro people."

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Mr. Perry pointed to the increasing violence against the Negro people, disclosing statistics of Negroes killed in the hands of the police; the increase of jailing Negroes on whatever pretext so that, for instance, the Reform School in Illinois held 65% Negro inmates. "This is part of the white pattern of big business," he said, "the picture is duplicated in many States."

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CITING THE ENEMIES of the Negro people who are helping to divide and disrupt the unity of the people, Mr. Perry pointed to Roy Wilkins, Channing Tobias, Walter Townsends and other who are peddling the Marshall Plan as being helpful to Africa. "This is not true," Perry declared. He disclosed that in all Marshall Plan countries and colonies, America was "putting another yoke on the necks of the Africans on top of British and Belgian." He declared that the African people were fighting back: "100,000 demonstrating telling the British to get out of Africa. In Nigeria there are national strikes to simply raise the living standards up to 50 cents a day," Perry said. "This is how helpful the Marshall plan is to the African people."

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OUR JOB IS TO FIGHT for the liberation of all colonial people," Mr. Perry asserted. "Peace is a big job and no group has a bigger stake in it than the Negroes. Negroes are told to fight for democracy, but not jimcrow, fight for democracy but can't tamper with agencies of the army."

"The success of the cold war depends upon violence against the Negro people; driving us out of industry, as in the Railroad today by the reactionary leadership of the Brotherhood," he said, "yet we are being told that we must have civil rights because we must help the cold war. It's contradictory like running with the hare while hunting with the hounds! We can't do both!"

In discussing the attacks against the Party and the whipping up of hysteria, Mr. Perry asserted that this is not the only method used in their big war drive by big business. They are also luring from within. He stated that FBI agents or dupes were being [illegible]

# The Coming Steel Convention

By Jim West

IN EVERY MILL grievances are piled high in the thousands. There is need for a fighting policy to settle grievances now. In many mills, workers have learned that the best way to get beefs settled is to take militant, united rank and file action before a complaint ever becomes a grievance. When bosses say, "Go back to work and file a grievance," these workers are learning to answer, "that grievance slip won't make steel and there'll be no steel until we win this grievance fight."

Invariably, work stoppages and slowdowns are caused by company violations of the contract with regard to changing work loads, rates, jobs, etc. Too often union officials tie the hands of the men by stating that strike action violates the contract, completely hiding the fact the company had already broken the contract. Only united rank and file action can break through the company arrogance and the belly-crawling policies of top union leadership.

**Other steel features On pages 2-A and 9**

At the same time, looking to the convention, steel workers have the opportunity to get their locals to send a series of resolutions to the convention aimed at improving the grievance procedure.

Such resolutions should include demands for increasing the number of grievance committeemen and stewards and reducing the number of men they have to serve; for strong action to compel U. S. Steel to agree to joint hiring now of the third man on the arbitration board for fifth step grievances (the company fired the third member last May and has refused to join in hiring a new one ever since, thereby killing thousands of workers' grievances); for rescinding the present "no-strike" clause in contracts and the adoption by the convention of a fighting wage-policy.

THE DECISION of the top officials to launch a drive for one million signatures for an FEPC Bill in Congress should be supported energetically in all locals as an aid to overcoming discriminatory practices in the industry and the union. But under no circumstances should this campaign serve to cover up or prevent the fight to break down lily-white departments, open apprenticeship and clerical work to Negro youth, and protection of Negro job rights. Nor should this campaign obscure the fact that discriminatory practices are widespread in the union itself, expressed in the failure to intergrate Negroes on all levels of leadership, including the top officers, and in all union affairs.

If anything, the holding of the union FEPC conferences is a concession to the growing rank and file fight for equal rights, and should serve to encourage and stimulate a continued and expanded fight, which should now include actions by locals for the coming convention along the lines indicated. Wherever possible city and town local FEPC conferences should be encouraged to follow up and concretize the national conferences with detailed plans of action to guarantee concrete results, especially on the job.

The coming convention especially affords an opportunity to intensify the fight to RESTORE THE UNION TO THE MEMBERSHIP THROUGH TRADE UNION DEMOCRACY. Among the measures to strengthen democracy in the union which steel workers would respond to would be a series of constitutional amendments, which, for example, would provide for the annual election of local union officers; would eliminate all undemocratic restrictions on the rights of members to run for office, such as the attendance requirement and the anti-Communist clause; which provide for membership votes in calling strikes and ratifying contracts; and which provide for the election of district executive boards with policy-making powers.

Obviously, this whole program cannot be carried out all at once in all locals. In each mill, Communist, progressive and militant workers must determine which among these points can be tackled first which next, and so on; and must work out the specific ways and means of best doing it in each area.

If rank and file steel workers try their best to get successful action on as much as they can in each mill and local, then the sum total of their work throughout the country will represent this general program and will guarantee, if work is begun now, that the will of the membership finds expression in the coming steel convention.

## Girard Tenants Defeat Rent Hikes

PHILADELPHIA.—485 tenants in the Girard Estates in South Philadelphia recently fought back and won a reversal of the federal housing expediter's order permitting higher rents.

Some of the rent increases were as high as 79 percent, tenants said.

They formed an organization, held meetings, filed protest petitions, jammed hearings on the rent increases and finally forced the rents back to their previous level.

## PTC Still Beats A Dead Horse

PHHILADELPHIA.—Horse thieves would blush at the latest $5,000,000 fare steal the Philadelphia Transportation Co. is proposing. The PTC threw around a lot of figures at recent hearings of the Public Utility Commission. But it didn't mention the dead horses which are the real basis for the PTC claim that it must hike fares to 13 cents from the present dime.

The PTC arithmetic is based on the evaluation of its property on which it claims to be entitled to a "fair return."

But its evaluation includes the original rights to use the streets of Philadelphia, stolen from the people of Philadelphia years ago, and now frozen into the PTC bookkeeping.

Because of the high "evaluation" these old, stolen franchises represent in its books the PTC can always show a "loss" on its "investment." Then it blames "labor costs."

The fact is that Main Line aristocrats are now living on fat incomes from street car horses that died 75 years ago, but are still supposed to pay 6½ percent to owners of PTC securities.

Meanwhile, riders are getting service that is reminescent of the old horse-car days. They are threatened with even worse service through spreading one-man operation to Saturdays this summer.

Five hundred PTC workers would be laid off one day weekly, and all employes would face the danger of still further one-man operation, and further layoffs.

Philadelphians who want better service and lower, not higher fares still have time to express their feelings to the PUC, Harrisburg, which is now considering PTC claims.

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# POUR YOUR DOLLARS IN NOW!

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# Detroit Signs Up for Peace, Demands Ban on H-Bomb

By Betty Thomas

DETROIT.—Thousands of Detroiters got a head start on the Easter spirit last Saturday by signing Labor Peace Committee petitions to ban the H-Bomb and start U.S.-USSR negotiations for peace.

The rally was held in the heart of downtown Detroit on Campus Martins in front of City Hall. The signature drive is part of a national effort to collect 1,000,000 names petitioning the President and the Congress of the United States.

Four large cardboard 'H-Bombs' were used for the petitions with a large banner saying: "Labor Wants Peace."

The mobilization consisted mainly of auto workers, many of whom were Chrysler strikers. The Negro-white unity was evident in both the circulators of petitions and among the passersby who signed up.

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The rally held the line when a traffic cop tried to break it up, but he finally had to walk away because this tremendous movement for peace was supported by every Detroiter that saw and signed the petitions.

The response of the people of Detroit and especially the women who signed the petitions showed a grim determination to win the peace and more important speak out to get it.

A quiet yet growing rumble is spreading in the auto-town. It comes from the little guy and woman on the streets, shopping for Easter.

People from the auto shops, Negro and white, youth, office workers voiced their heartfelt sentiment: "We want peace,, we need Peace, and we are speaking out for Peace."

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# Mundt-Ferguson Lifted Callahan Act as 'Model'

DETROIT.—Never in the history of Michigan did any bill arouse such widespread opposition as did the Callahan Bill in 1948.

The entire labor movement was unitedly in opposition. Noted lawyers, jurists, church groups, Negro organizations and tens of thousands of rank-and-file citizens, signed petitions and organized delegations to protest the bill.

In a statewide referendum more than 100,000 Michiganders voted against the Callahan Act.

So strong has been this opposition that to this day the act has remained inoperative. Both Republican and Democratic attorney generals have been compelled by the people to declare the act unconstitutional.

It was this infamous bill that Sen. Homer Ferguson has used as his "model" in the national Mundt-Ferguson Bill now before Congress.

Point-by-point the two are almost identical. If the people of Michigan knew that fact they would react as quickly and vehemently against Mundt-Ferguson as they did against Callahan.

As a public service to speed the fight against the Mundt-Ferguson bill, we present here an analysis of the two bills. Make these facts known to the people of our state and they will vigorously join the fight against Mundt-Ferguson.

## Callahan Act

1. The bill was sneaked into the State Senate April 30, 1947, with no advance notice. It was referred immediately to the Judiciary Committee, which reported favorably on the bill on Friday, May 9, without any public hearings.

2. The bill states, with no supporting facts, that the "people's welfare is being threatened" by groups which "serve directly or indirectly" the purposes, aims or objects of "foreign powers."

3. On May 13, 1947, the Detroit papers quoted Sen. Matthew Callahan (since defeated) that his bill was aimed at "controlling" the Communist Party and "Communist front organizations."



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4. Section 3 requires all agencies to register with the attorney general a list of membership status, activities, income and expenditures.

5. Section 7 prescribes that any person who fails to register shall be guilty of a felony and punishable by a $5,000 fine and five years in prison.

6. Section 2 (d) requires the registration of all newspapers, radio stations and publications of the agencies covered under the act.

7. Section 1 (b) defines agencies which come under the act as "any group, club, league, society, committee, association, political party or individuals acting in concert with or serving directly or indirectly the purposes, aims or objects of a foreign power."

8. The Callahan Act has special provisions for trade unions. Section 6 authorizes the courts to take over unions, remove elected officials and "deprive them of bargaining rights, seize funds, break strikes and refuse to return the union to its members unless and until they elect a "group of officials loyal to the government."

9. Any member of an organization which refused to register would be subject to the act's fines and prison penalties.

10. The Attorney General is given complete, one-man power under the act. No provision is made for review of his uncontrolled discretion.

## Mundt-Ferguson

1. The Mundt Bill was sneaked quietly into the Senate Judiciary Committee. It was passed suddenly, with no public hearings by a 12-1 vote in an attempted sneak attack before the people could organize a defense.

2. S. 2311 is entitled "The Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950." Section 2 makes a "legislative finding" that there is a world-wide revolutionary movement, which is described along the lines of Hitler's Mein Kampf.

3. The bill makes certain requirements of "Communist political organizations" and "Communist front organizations." Thus, the bill would outlaw the Communist Party, which is the only "Communist political organization" in the country.



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4. Section 7 requires the Communist Party to register with the attorney general, giving past and present names of all its members, sources of funds and records of expenditures.

5. Section 8 would subject individual Communist Party members to fines and imprisonment if they did not individually register in the event their names were omitted from this list.

6. Section 11 would require the Communist Party to stamp all its mail and publications with a label.

7. "Communist front" organizations are defined as any organization whose "aims or policies" coincide in any way with those of the Communist Party.

8. Thus any trade union, fraternal organization, church or peace group, could come under the provisions of this bill and suffer its penalties.

9. These groups are also required to register. If their officers refused to comply, membership in such organizations would become illegal, and individuals who failed to resign promptly would be subject to fine and prison.

10. Section 13 places power in a three-man, president-appointed board to determine which organizations are "Communist organizations" or Communist fronts."

# Ferguson Election 'Scandal'

DETROIT.—How did Senator Ferguson (R), whose Mundt-Ferguson bill would destroy free speech, free press and freedom of assembly, get elected in the fall of 1948?

Ferguson, the self-styled crusader against the influences of "totalitarianism" in American life was elected in 1928 in Michigan where there was rampant what the AFL's Labor League for Political Action calls "scandalous election conditions."

The AFL's "Legal Reporter" (April 3, 1950) says:

"Reactionary leaders violated the law all over the State by installing one-party election officials.

The AFL paper says this resulted in the failure of numerous election officials throughout the state to count votes which had been cast for Homer Ferguson's opponent—Frank Hook. Voters who voted for Henry Wallace and split their ballot to also vote for Hook found thier ballots uncounted.

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THE AFL publication quotes from a U. S. Senate subcommittee investigation which agreed with Hook that "officials refused or neglected to provide checkers to watch the individual keeping the tally sheets and that such individuals made up incorrect tally sheets of the votes so as to increase the vote of the Republican candidate."

The Committee further found that "about forty percent of the precincts in Michigan were found to have had insufficient checkers."

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The AFL report concludes:

"All League units should study the Michigan scandals and to be on guard to prevent reactionaries from employing the same methods elsewhere in the United States."

The scandalous election conditions existing in Michigan at the time of the election of Homer Ferguson should also alert all democratically minded people to help spread the alarm on Ferguson's fascist Mundt-Ferguson bill which would wipe out all Constitutionally guaranteed freedoms in America.

# Reuther Ditching Chrysler Demand

Slight changes seen as he personally negotiates settlement; GM watches talks and stock-piles cars.

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# Detroit Council Needs A Negro, Leaders Say

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AS I SEE IT

# Capitalism Can't Stand Competition

By Hugo Beiswenger

DETROIT.—The guardians of the myth of capitalism's invincibility breathed easier last week. Telephone lines burned the offices of the auto moguls and university presidents, the press marched into battle with eight-column screamers, the police were alerted, the radio boomed defiance—and the battle for capitalism was won!

There would be no debate either on "The Right of Communists to Teach in American Schools" or "Capitalism vs. Communism."

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AT WAYNE UNIVERSITY, Dr. Henry rode roughshod over not only students' protests, but the august University Council itself, highest legislative body for the university, composed of faculty representatives.

Henry went to the University Council on the muscle—back me up or I'll go downtown to the School Board for support, he said.

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BUT THE COUNCIL refused! Henry's insistent demand that a motion of support be adopted was shelved. His report was merely "received and filed."

It is true the Council didn't roar back at Henry in defiance of his trampling on the elementary democratic rights of student and faculty. But in these days of city loyalty witchhunts and impending Mundt-Fergusons their refusal to be regimented into line in support of Dr. Henry's own "Mundt-Ferguson" was an encouraging sign. But it wasn't enough.

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AT MICHIGAN State College a "high spokesman" is reported to have "sighed with relief" that the Phillips issue hadn't come up there.

At Michigan, the students and faculty were also over-ridden by top university officials. Prof. Wernette was to have debated Phillips on "Capitalism vs. Communism" after 15 professors previously had been approached and refused to debate Phillips on "Should a Communist be Allowed to Teach in American Schools." Capitalism was again saved by banning free discussion.

The whole Phillips affair would be ludicrous were it not for the seriousness of the issue involved—the right of faculty and students to hear discussions with conflicting opinions on a civil rights issue and the capability of capitalism to meet the people's needs.

It illustrates the long steps which America has taken toward a Mundt-Ferguson fascist state under the threat of passage of the Mundt-Ferguson Bill.

But it also shows that Americans have not been intimidated into line to accept fascism without a protest.

L'affaire Phillips is not yet over. The university presidents and the prostitute press are celebrating prematurely.

## Verdict on Lawyers Scored by Judge

DETROIT.—Chief Probate Judge Patrick H. O'Brien said he was amazed that the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the counts of contempt against the five attorneys for the 11 Communist leaders.

"One of the most cherished rights guaranteed to everyone under the U. S. Constitution is the right to be represented by counsel.

"This decision is a serious limitation and invasion of that right, and, if upheld by the Supreme Court, will be the beginning of the end of the right of free speech and assembly in America."

MICHIGAN

# People Sign Up For Peace




By Betty Thomas

DETROIT. — Standing on the corner of Campus Martius where the Michigan Labor Peace Conference held a mass rally for peace this reporter interviewed people signing up for peace.

"I need peace for my kids, I have six children and I want them to grow up in a world fit to live in," stated Mrs. Nora Graff wife of a house painter.

Mrs. J. E. Belford a woman of 60 said this:

"I'm in favor of peace, I lost relatives in the first world war and enough of the youth have been killed."

John Evanoff young Chrysler striker, stated:

"I want peace because I don't want my children to grow up in a devastated world. There has been enough blood and tears."

"I want peace, for my family and myself," said Mrs. Susie Earle.

A young woman of 18, Theodore Henderson, said with great feeling, "the young people need peace, we want to live and be happy not die."

"I need and demand peace for my kids," said William Tally, an auto worker, who walked away with a leaflet for peace tightly clutched in his hand.

MICHIGAN ROUNDUP:

# Hit Police Terror Raids Against Negroes in Flint

FLINT.—Police terror against the Negro community here reached new heights when 104 persons were herded down to police headquarters after a raid Sunday morning, April 2.

The meeting of the City Commission the following Monday was the scene of a blistering attack on the police goons, by leaders of the Flint Communist Party, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and others.

Jack White, chairman of the Flint Communist Party, speaking before the Commission and a crowded chamber, said that this mass violation of the Negro peoples' civil rights was in line with the police department's edict to cops to "take the gloves off and get rough in the Negro community."

Bolza Baxter, Negro youth leader of the Labor Youth Yeague charged that the mass arrests were another glaring example of the discriminatory policies of the police department.

Thomas Terrell, Negro newspaperman charged that payoffs were being made to city officials by owners of "joints" in Flint, but that nothing was being done about it while people attending a dance were arrested and held overnight in jail.

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DETROIT. — American Legion's Tom Phillips Post 184 demanded that Mayor Cobo put an immediate stop to the un-American practice of assigning housing on a racial basis at its March membership meeting.

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DETROIT.—Common Council gave the NAACP the runaround on its requested hearing on segregation in housing. The Council referred the request to the Housing Commission. Edward Turner, president of NAACP said "Their answer is an evasion of our request before the Common Council."

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DETROIT. — Mayor Cobo was told that "Your decision to raise DSR fares strikes an economic blow at the very people who can least bear it," in a letter from Progressive Party state chairman Stanley Nowak. "We oppose a fare increase and call upon you to find other methods of solving the financial problems of the DSR."

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DETROIT. — The Michigan Tourist Council has issued warnings to four Michigan tourist associations that it is contrary to the laws of Michigan to deny accommodations to Jews or any other religious or racial groups. Violations of the order will result in denial of state-subsidized facilities to the offending resort owners, it was stated.

The state move came after a conference with leaders of the Jewish Community Council and Anti-Defamation League of Bnai Brith.

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DETROIT.—The U. A. W. has again wired Wayne Coy, Federal Communications Commission chairman that station WWJ is still refusing time to the union to discuss the issues of the Chrysler strike. It demands an immediate hearing on renewal of license..

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DETROIT.—Common Council cut off several parks in Negro neighborhods and anounced the spending of $800,000 on 54 new sites in white neighborhoods. The program was recommended by John Considine, parks and recreation superintendent, and member of the Mayor's Interracial Committee.

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DETROIT.—The most extensive membership drive in its history" is being opened by the Detroit Chapter of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People starting May 21.

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ANN ARBOR. — A peace poll conducted by the Young Progressives in Anderson House at the University of Michigan revealed majority of those polled to be in favor of immediate negotiations between the United States and Soviet Russia, but were opposed to outlawing the hydrogen bomb.

For negotiations the vote was: Yes—66.7 percent; No—27.1 percent; No opinion—6.2 percent. For outlawing the hydrogen bomb, Yes—37.4 percent; No—53.1 percent; No opinion—9.4 percent.

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DETROIT.—In a statement to the DETROIT TIMES, Carl Winter, chairman of the Communist Party of Michigan branded as "utter nonsense" their story of March 25 which claimed that Eugene Dennis, secretary of the party had been "demoted and may be on his way out of the party."

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DETROIT.—Six Young Detroiters have filed a formal complaint against the Vulcano Restaurant, 6520 Michigan Avenue for violation of the Diggs Act. They charge that they were refused service because one of their number, Joseph Harrison, 4491 16 St., is a Negro.

# Youth Lobby Asks FEPC, Jobs, Peace

LANSING.—From all corners of the state nearly a hundred young people descended on Lansing last Tuesday.

They came to lobby for increased unemployment compensation, a FEPC, a fair educational practices bill, an 18 year-old vote, and the memorialization of Congress to ban the H-bomb.

The lobby was called by the Young Progressives of America. Different groups met with Governor Williams, Senator Bonine, chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, Rep. Estes, chairman of the House Education Committee, the House State Affairs Committee, and many others.

In the governor's office the delegates demanded that Williams submit a FEPC bill to the special session of the legislature. The Governor refused.

A delegation of 25 led by Steve Perry, State Chairman of the YP, attended an informal hearing of the House State Affairs Committee. Mr. Perry wanted to know why nothing was being done about a FEPC.



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# The Town I Live in

by VICKY STEELE

**SALTY DEPARTMENT:** Don't understand why 43rd St. Virginia Theatre revived the Imitation of Life "freshened-up" with lurid anti-Negro slogans. Talked to the manager, who insists Southsiders enjoy the film, referring us to his cashier as proof. (Who pays her salary?) We can't afford to wait 'til "next time" to tell him or any other theatre manager it ain't necessarily so! This film (as does "Amos and Andy" on the radio) slanders and caricatures the Negro people. We don't like it! It's time we put an end to such trash. Speak up.

Speaking of films, don't forget the movie "Without Prejudice," being shown at the PP Hall, 306 E. 43rd, April 16, 7:30 p.m., under Chicago Council American-Soviet Friendship auspices. If you just happen to miss it there, it will be shown next night at the Southside Community Art Center. It's a treat!

**Hometowner Makes Good:** Former Chicagoan, playwright Theodore Ward's newest play, "John Brown," opens up on Broadway next month. That's the one Mr. Ward received some Guggenheim dought to get going, but which money was hastily halted when going got good! Judging by the scene read recently in one of the mags, it packs a mean wallop! The best of luck to you, Ted. You really deserve it!

**SMALL-TALK:** Gloomy Palm Sunday, but not even standing room at the Club Delisa for Provident Fashion Parade. All that sugar! . . . New poetry magazine hitting the stands shortly called Movement with the lushiest words describing its coming, we've seen in a long while. . . . Director Bill Nix shapin' up Center Aisle Player's production of "Edward, My Son," for YMCA, 38th and Wabash showing, April 14-15. . . . Paul Robeson returning next week for JPFO gala concert. . . . Artist Charles White (Chicago's finest) passing through town. . . . And goodness knows what-all!

**HOWARTH COOPERATIVE AT 4850** Greenwood fighting like crazy all the legal trappings thrown at them by the Oakland-Kenwood Planning Association that wants them out because of interracial tenants proving that it can be done. Planning association swears all up and down that reason is "a damn lie," but we figure things out for ourselves. The CO-OP has been putting up a valiant and long-time struggle to stay put!

**KNAPSACK: PETTIS PERRY,** CP Secretary of the National Negro Commission adds a new one to our collection: Says when folks tell him that John Rankin is a self-made man, he's glad to hear it—for if he is, that relieves God Almighty from any responsibility!

**WILLIAM S. WINN,** Assistant State's Attorney has a new solution to the problem of juvenile delinquency. He said juvenile delinquency was not caused by unemployment or poor housing, but because parents would rather work than take care of their children. When asked how parents could support their children without working, he spluttered into silence.

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**THANKS ACW, RL, RF** for those drive-bucks. Every little bit helps. Trouble is though it just makes us greedy for more . . . Aw, c'm on, woutcha?

# Society to Blame For Youth Crime

By Sylvia Alexander

CHICAGO.—Send them to Sheridan Reformatory. That is the battle-cry of State's Attorney John S. Boyle. That is the answer he gives to the problem of juvenile delinquency. But according to one of the South Side's best known community leaders, that is not the right answer.

The answer, according to Mr. Wilson Head, Program Director, Parkway Community Center, is decent houses, good schools, playgrounds and parks, job training, and an end to racial discrimination and police brutality.

The housing problem, especially sharp on the Southside, was emphasized by Mr. Head.

"The break-down in family life is one of the main reasons for what we call juvenile delinquency," Mr. Head declared. "When four families are forced to live in the space originally meant for one," he said, "the children don't want to go home. They go home only as a last resort. They spend their time elsewhere — usually, by necessity, on the street. This is not the children's fault, this is the fault of those who obstruct public housing."

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A GRADUATE of Tuskegee Institute and Atlanta University and formerly Executive Secretary, Indianapolis NAACP, Mr. Head pointed also to the problem of unemployment, remarking that Negro youth are usually the first affected.

"That is important," he stated. "What shall the young people do? They are forced out of their homes by over-crowding. Jobs are scarce. They have no place to be and nothing to do. The next step is what we call juvenile delinquency, then St. Charles or Sheridan. That is bad enough," the Community Center leader declared, "but when they get out, they come right back into the same impossible situation."

Contrasting the eager, pre-election 'crime crusade' to Parkway's program of club groups, classes, sport and camping activities, Mr. Head declared that "Even these efforts don't go to the root of the problem. They are successful as far as they can be. But they are not basic solutions."

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TAKING THE QUESTION of drug addiction as an example, Mr. Head stated, "The dope problem ranks high among young people. The peddlers tell them it will give them a lift. It promises to take away the pressures they suffer from racial discrimination, poor living conditions, and all the rest. It is an escape. The real problem is their need to escape.

"We work with young people, but the trouble is not with them," Mr. Head continued, "The trouble is with the way they are forced to live. We blame the people who want to keep them in this situation. Juvenile delinquency is a symptom of the illness of American society."

## CHARGES THAT KIRKENDOLL IS VICTIM OF POLITICIANS

CHICAGO.—What is happening to the Kirkendoll Case? This is the question being asked of the Civil Rights Congress, according to Lester Davis newly appointed executive secretary of that organization.

The Civil Rights Congress graciously stepped down from the helm in favor of those "influential" individuals in the Democratic Party, Republican Party and other organizations which condition their activity in behalf of the convicted youth upon their taking over the management of the defense campaign.

Bob Kirkendoll is still languishing in jail. Facing a 75-year sentence on a trumped-up charge of rape, the young Negro had his plea for a new trial denied last week by Judge George M. Fischer. The motion for retrial was presented by Civil Rights attorney Edmund Hatfield.

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ALTHOUGH MRS. JEAN KIRKENDOLL has asked Attorney Aaron Payne to represent the family, Mr. Payne told the DuBois Worker that he has not yet decided to take the case. He did not appear in court when the motion for a new trial was made.

The decision of Mrs. Kirkendoll to retain Mr. Payne as attorney is seen as the result of pressure from outside forces mentioned already in this article. According to Mr. Davis, no effort is being to get bail, no funds are being raised by these people for his defense.

Bob Kirkendoll remains in jail, victim of the frame-up attributable directly to his refusal to pay off in the shake down racket of the police operated against South Side produce vendors.

## Cabrini—A Lesson In Democracy

There is no patience among Cabrini Homes tenants members to unsegregateed housing and their stall on selection of sites for the 10,000 additional public housing units available to Chicago under the Federal housing program.

Residents of the Near North Side project, erected nine years ago to house low income families, were indignant over the anti-Negro bias underlying the public housing stalemate when our reporter interviewed them recently.

"It's the City Council that's prejudiced, not the people who need homes," declared Mrs. Gladys Perkins, who lives at 937 S. Mohawk. "Let them give people the chance to live together—they'll find out," she continued "that their talk about prejudice is nonsense."

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THE CABRINI PROJECT is living proof f Mrs. Perkins' words. Here 564 families, Negro and white, have built for themselves a harmonious community, rich in mutual understanding, proud in cooperative achievement.

At the core of project activities is the dynamic Cabrini Tenants Council. Mrs. Perkins husband, William, an employe at International Harvester, serves as the Council's Safety Committee Chairman.

"Those aldermen should drop in here and watch us," he said. "We work on our problems together, we visit each other socially, we play baseball together," he added.

He told how the action of Negro and white tenants had saved children's lives in the project, by cutting traffic through its streets.

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ONE OUT OF EVERY seven project children was being injured or killed by trucks and cars when the Tenants Council raised its demand for roadblocks. The politicians, heading local businessmen who objected, rebuffed the tenants.

"Then the Wolfson baby was crushed to death under the wheels of a truck," Perkins said. "You remember how we lined up in a human barricade on Cambridge St. then. It took a baby's life to get our story into the papers. We got the roadblock."

Mrs. Grace Clark, a former president of the Cabrini Tenants Council, told of other achievements by the organized project residents, and of the problems that remain unsolved.

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A PLAYGROUND, originally left out by project planners, was one of the Council's early victories. Tenants pooled funds to buy play equipment.

A bitterly fought issue, as yet unrealized, is adequate public school facilities for project children. The Jenner Public School, built to accommodate 800 children, has 1,500 enrolled now.

"To the shame of the school authorities," Mrs. Clark said, "they have almost succeeded in making it a Jimcrow school. White children are discouraged from attending."

White parents, she said, are urged to remove their children from the school. Where they have resisted, school authorities have classified the white children as "problems," and shunted them to other institutions, blocks away from the project.

"The Tenants Council is fighting for more and unsegregated schools in this neighborhood," declared Mrs. Clark.

Cabrini tenants have one final argument for the Dixiecrat-minded aldermen who fear unsegregated public housing. Here, where four-fifths of the 564 tenants are white, and one-fifth Negro, it is a Negro woman, Mrs. Ruby Callier, who has been chosen by the vote of her neighbors as chairman of the Cabrini Tenants Council.

# Negroes Face Fascist Peril

CHICAGO.—At a packed meeting of the South Side section of the Communist Party held last weekend, Pettis Perry, chairman of the National Negro Commission of the Party, declared that the main question facing the Negro people today is the threat of war and the danger of the fascism in America.

"We must understand", Perry asserted, "what is happening in America and its special significance to the Negro people."

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Mr. Perry pointed to the increasing violence against the Negro people, disclosing statistics of Negroes killed in the hands of the police; the increases of jailing Negroes on whatever pretext so that, for instance, the Reform School in Illinois held 63% Negro inmates. "This is part of the white pattern of big business," he said, "this picture is duplicated in many States."

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CITING THE ENEMIES of the Negro people who are helping to divide and disrupt the unity of the people, Mr. Perry pointed to Roy Wilkins, Glouster Current, Willard Townsends and other who are peddling the Marshall Plan as being helpful to Afrian. "This is not true," Perry declared. He disclosed that in all Marshall plan countries and colonies America was "putting another yoke on the necks of the Africans on top of British and Belgian." He declared that the African people were fighting [illegible] "100,000 demonstrating telling the British to get out of Africa. In Nigeria there are national strikes to simply raise the living standards up to 50 cents a day," Perry said. "This is how helpful the Marshall plan is to the African people."

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OUR JOB IS TO FIGHT for the liberation of all colonial people," Mr. Perry asserted. "Peace is a big job and no group has a bigger stake in it than the Negroes. Negroes are told to fight for democracy, but not jimcrow, fight for democracy but can't tamper with agencies of the army."

"The success of the cold war depends upon violence against the Negro people; driving us out of industry, as in the Railroad today by the reactionary leadership of the Brotherhood," he said, "yet we are being told that we must have civil rights because we must help the cold war. It's contradictory like running with the hare while hunting with the hounds! We can't do both!"

In discussing the attacks against the Party and the whipping up of hysteria, Mr. Perry asserted that this is not the only method used in their big war drive by big business. They are also boring from within. He stated that FBI agents Negro movements and urged vigilance and smoking out these enemies. He'll stated that Trotskyites and Social Democrats were not to be trusted and quoting Frederick Douglass, he said: "You still watch those who get old clothes from the big house."

"We are proud to be humble students of Marxism-Leninism," Mr. Perry said. "Under this influence there are now 800 million people in the world marching un-

**8-MONTH STRIKE**

OAKLAND, Calif. (FP). — The Retail Clerks International Association, AFL, has turned down a proposal by the Safeway Stores to end its six-month strike against the grocery chain because the offer did not state explicitly that the union would be recognized as bargaining agent.

# Negro Councilman Needed, Leading Detroiters Say

DETROIT.—The Michigan Worker queried prominent Detroiters this week for opinions on the issues and candidates in the special election to fill the vacancy on City Council created by the untimely death of ex-Mayor Edward Jeffries. The following replies had been received as we went to press:



The Rev. Hill



Stanley Nowak

Thomas Thompson, President, Local 600, UAW-CIO:

"Local 600 has set an example of electing Negro workers to top office as well as many other posts. It is a must that a spokesman for the Negro people should sit in the Detroit City Council. I think this is the most important issue in the election to fill the vacancy left by the late Edward J. Jeffries."

Erma Henderson, National Committee Woman of the Progressive Party:

"The fact that the depression is here for many thousands of Negro families is increasingly evident. We see people denied emergency assistance from the welfare department under the guise of cracking down on chislers.

"There is a crying need for housing for the Negro people of Detroit and all over the country. Race hate is being whipped up to the point where we have brutal killings. We need an FEPC law with teeth. We also need a people's candidate on the city council that will speak for the people and their needs."



Erma Henderson



Tommy Thompson

Stanley Nowak, state chairman, Progressive Party:

"Detroit needs a Negro on the city council. I think the major issues are housing and welfare."

Mrs. Lillian Smith, State Civil Liberties Director of the Elks:

"The filling of the vacant council seat caused by Jeffries death, with a real representative of the people, looks dark at this particular time. We need a broader representation in the council. If we have a government which is supposed to be democratic, let us all have representation."

Rev. Charles A. Hill, minister of Hartford Avenue Baptist Church:

"It's hard to tell now, what the special election prospects are. Jeffries did bring the co-ops to Detroit, but that wasn't enough to undo all the harm he has done.

"It is from Jeffries' policy of 'not going to change the racial characteristics of any neighborhood,' that Cobo is trying to follow through on and which policy is bringing such untold misery into the lives of the people of Detroit today."

(Next week's Michigan Worker will carry additional comments by prominent Detroiters in all walks of life and all political opinions.)

## Dickerson to Speak

DETROIT.—Earl B. Dickerson, prominent Chicago attorney and member of President Roosevelt's Committee on Fair Employment Practices will speak on Sunday, April 16, at Bethel AME Church, St. Antoine and Frederick at 7 p. m. His subject will be, "Who Betrayed FEPC and What Can Be Done to Save It."

The program is sponsored by the young adult forum of Bethel Church

## AUTOTOWN ALLEY

by THE OLD-TIMER

Four weeks ago, speaking to 20,000 Chrysler strikers at the State Fair Coliseum, UAW president Walter Reuther and Emil Mazey, secretary treasurer, bellowed forth they would hoist the demands to the corporation the longer the strike lasted.

Last week Reuther told the company that he was even giving up the proposal to put 6c into a pension fund and would take a pension as long as the company agreed to pay those eligible.

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This last week it was learned that General Motors Corp. is going to "buy" the land and building where the UAW headquarters stands. No wisecracks now on this.

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See where August Scholle, CIO State president, was appointed to be a member of a Committee Against Alcoholism.

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The Reuther hatchet men who fight wage increases like the employers, got their teeth rattled recently at American Metal plant in Detroit's West Side local where Reuther used to be president. They were against a strike vote, but the workers forced it through and two hours later the company granted a 15c an hour increase.

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President Truman made a scab appointment recently to the Atomic Energy Commission. Thomas E. Murray, director of the Chrysler Corp. got the job. How's that for a tieup between the monopolies and atomic energy?

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Here's the way the play is developing at City Hall in filling the vacancy for Council with Jeff's death. George Edwards, Americans for Democratic Action big wheel, is figuring to run for Council, then become the "opposition" to Mayor Cobo, thus laying the basis for running for Mayor. Councilman Louis Miriani, Board of Commerce and Detroit News puppet, who also wants to run for Mayor is now telling labor people "he wants to fight Cobo."

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We see where William Voisone, one-time Mayor of Ecorse, who didn't run for re-election (he must have had a premonition) was found guilty of perjury and gets sent to jail. He denied that he got a take of $30,000 dollars of gray market steel money. The big question is who sold him the steel and why wasn't a certain big steel firm out in Ecorse never mentioned?

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The Michigan department of the American Legion just handed George A. Richards, owner of WJR and two other stations, its annual "Americanism" award. The Federal Communications Commission is holding hearings now on Richards' fitness to retain his licenses because of alleged anti-Semitism in Newscasts. Did you ever hear of the Legion giving an award to anyone but a pro-fascist?

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The FBI has a new telephone technique they are using on labor and progressives. They call up in the middle of the night, and when the worker answers, the caller says: "Oh, did I wake you?" Then they hang up without further conversation.

# Admits He Broke Law In Hungary

DETROIT. — Israel Jacobson, former director of the Joint Distribution Committee in Hungary who was expelled from Hungary for activities detrimental to Hungary's interests admitted here that he had "aided illegal immigrants" in that country.

He stated that one of the men he had helped was a man "who was a friend of King Carol." He want to to say that "it would have cost the man his life if the Romanian government had caught him."

Jacobson's statements were made in an address to workers for the Junior Division of the Allied Jewish Campaign. After the speech, Jacobson, on hearing that a Worker reporter was present, asked, "Why didn't somebody tell me there was a reporter here?"

Jacobson had previously denied that he had engaged in illegal activities in Hungary. He was arrested and held 12 days on charges of espionage by the Hungarian government last December.

## For Labor Lowdown Read The Worker

DETROIT.—You can't be informed about the labor movement of Michigan and the nation unless you read the Michigan Worker weekly.

This fact was illustrated again this week when the Michigan Worker was requested to enter into an exchange arrangement with the state CIO News. We were happy to cooperate.

But the Michigan Worker cannot live out this year unless our class conscious working and middle class readers respond to fulfill and overfulfill our current $7,500 fund drive. Mail your contribution today to: Michigan Worker, 2419 Grand River, Detroit, Mich. Renew your subscription if it is about to run out.

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# Some Questions For Reuther

THE AUTO WORKERS should ask UAW president Walter P. Reuther the following questions:

How come that in two Detroit hotels last week you led off the bargaining with GM and Chrysler, asking GM for a 31 cent package and telling Chrysler they could get a settlement without even putting 10 cents an hour into the pension kitty?



NAT GANLEY

Do you really believe that the Wall Street directors of GM and Chrysler don't speak to each other?

How come that the 89,000 Chrysler workers voted to strike for a 38 cent package demand (for wage increases and pensions) and then, without consulting these workers, you steadily cut down their demand—from 38 cents, to 11½ cents, to 10 cents, and now to no cents an hour for the pension kitty, and no cents an hour for wage increases?

Why is there more speedup and more runaway jobs in Ford's after you settled the anti-speedup strike last year than there was before your settlement?

Why did you wait two years before denouncing the GM wage-cutting escalator plan you hailed as "a great victory" in 1948?

Why did you change the 10-year-old practice of the UAW of signing one-year contracts? Why did you adopt the practice of long-term and contract freezes?

The madness you exhibit on the economic issues, Mr. Reuther, can only be explained by your stubborn consistency in favor of the cold war drive which has proved so harmful to the people and so profitable for Wall Street. A reactionary, profiteering war can't succeed without a docile labor movement sewed up to long term contracts. And Reuther has agreed to do this sewing job for Wall St.

For the success of your war policy (which is also the policy of Ford, GM and Chrysler) you, Mr. Reuther, are ready to sacrifice the very shirt off the worker's back!

In their own self interests the auto workers must break up the cold war united front which their union president has with the Wall Street owners of the auto corporations.

They should build a genuine workers' united front behind the economic demands of the GM and Chrysler workers and for a genuine peace policy in the world.

# Offer Course in Psychology

DETROIT. — Psychology—Theories of Human Nature is the title of a new course being offered in the Spring Term of the Michigan School of Social Science.

The course, which starts Tuesday evening, May 2, discusses: how human society emerged from the animal world; how ideology rises from the material life of given societies; the Leninist theory of reflection.

Also: Communist theories of intelligence, child psychology, false theories of race superiority, bourgeois psychology and American imperialism, and the Marxist approach to psychological science. Instructor is Hugo Beiswenger.

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## Mike Gold writes on France

**The former Daily Worker columnist who recently returned from an extended stay in Europe begins a series of articles in The Worker this week. Turn to Page 3 of the Magazine Section for the first of this series —"*THIS* IS PARIS."**

# WHY WAS B-29 OVER USSR?

— See Page 3 —

## *How the Czechs Celebrated Easter*

PRAGUE.—As they do every year at Easter, people of this Socialist land marked two minutes of silence for peace . . . and for the war dead of all lands. This year the people of Czechoslovakia interrupted their work, paused at whatever they were doing in two minutes of reverent silence also for those fighting for freedom—in China, in Viet Nam, Malaya.

Prague's meeting was sponsored jointly by the Czechoslovak Red Cross and the Committee of the Defenders of Peace and held at the House of Artists under the slogan: "Fight for Peace; for happy homes of working people!" Dr. Oldrich John, chairman of the National Assembly, which corresponds to the U. S. Congress, represented the President of the Republic at the ceremonies. Cabinet ministers, Mayor Vacek of Prague, members of the diplomatic corps of the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia's neighboring democracies also attended.



The photo shows (left to right): Mrs. H. Spurna, vice chairman of the National Assembly; Mrs. Oldrich John; Dr. John; and Gen. Alois Vicherek, chairman of the Red Cross.

# Hold 'Secret' Inquest In Death of J. V. Carl

NEW HAVEN.—Coroner James J. Corrigan is holding a "secret" inquest and not a public one in order to whitewash police and others responsible for the death of James V. Carl, it was charged by members of the Civil Rights Congress last week. Members of the New Haven chapter of the C.R.C. charged that Corrigan is proceeding extremely slow in the inquest, calling in only one person at a time, and then only when he has a spare hour or two. They state that Corrigan is prolonging the inquest so that pressure from many New Haven citizens, including leaders of church groups and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will ease up.

Carl died at the New Haven hospital on March 15, after being in a semi-conscious state for over five weeks. The CRC charges that Carl died as a result of police brutality and negligence.

Members of the CRC also charge that the coroner's attitude toward witnesses indicates that he has already made up his mind about the decision and indicates a chauvenist attitude toward Negro witnesses. In questioning Mrs. Carl the coroner asked, "Mrs. Carl, can you tell a bed sore from a bruise?" When Mrs. Carl replied that she certainly could the coroner added, "So you're educated, eh?"

Meanwhile, Attorney Marvin Karp of the Civil Rights Congress, has indicated that a $25,000 civil suit will be started as soon as the coroner completes his inquest. The suit is being filed in the name of Carl E. Douglas, 207 Dixwell Ave., who was appointed administrator of Carl's estate. The defendants named in the suit are Capt. James Dinan of the New Haven police, Sheriff George C. Rogers and jailer Edward Kromer.

## Bowles May Ask State Rent Law

HARTFORD.—Gov. Bowles stated in a radio broadcast on Monday of last week that he will ask the legislature to pass another rent control law if Congress allows Federal rent control to expire on June 30. The Governor stated that if rent controls were not continued rents would skyrocket and work hardships on thousands of people.

## Gov't Finally Opens Trial at RemingtonArms

BRIDGEPORT.—The U. S. Government after six years of pre-trial hearings has finally brought to a trial in a New York Federal court a cartel case against the Remington Arms Co., a duPont subsidiary. The government charges that the E. I. duPont DeNemours Co. and its subsidiary, the Remington Arms Co. and the Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., of Great Britain used a patent agreement as a screen to divide world markets for explosives during the prewar decade of 1929 to 1939.

Leonard J. Emmerclick, special assistant for the attorney general told the court the market-control conspiracy extended back to 1897. He charged duPont agreed at that time not to make or sell explosives in Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. In return, the Nobel Dynamite Trust Co., predecessor to Imperial, agreed not to make or sell explosives in the U. S., Mexico, Central America, Columbia and Venezuela. In 1911, the Federal court ruled that DuPont held a monopoly in its field and ordered the monopoly broken up.

It should be of interest to Worker readers to note how the Government allows the monopolies to get away with their practices for years and the speed with which it attacks progressives.

# Want 10,000 to Sign Conn. Peace Petition

BRIDGEPORT.—The Connecticut Labor Peace Committee has set a goal of 10,000 signatures of workers on petitions now being circulated throughout the state, it was announced by Fred Blycher, state chairman of the committee. Blycher, former business agent at the GE local 203 of the United Electrical Workers, stated that petitions are being circulated in a large number of shops in the state including brass, steel, auto, electrical and other shops. In addition, it is expected that a large number of signatures will be collected in workingclass neighborhoods as well as in AFL craft locals.

The goal of 10,000 is part of drive of the National Labor Conference for Peace to collect one million signatures of working men and women throughout the nation to be presented to President Truman.

The petition reads as follows:

To Ban H-Bomb and A-Bomb
President Harry S. Truman
The Congress of the United States

We believe that the manufacture of the Hydrogen Bomb will not advance the cause of peace. It will only hasten the outbreak of a new horrible war which will destroy untold millions.

Only genuine negotiations between the leaders of our country and the Soviet Union to outlaw the hydrogen and atom bombs and to find a basis for peace rather than cold war, will dispel the nightmare of hydrogen and atom bomb warfare.

We of labor, join with leaders of church and civic organizations in calling upon you to halt the manufacture of hydrogen and atom bombs and to work for peace by direct negotiations with the leaders of the Soviet Union.

We further believe that the end of the cold war will make possible a vast expansion of trade with the countries of Eastern Europe and China and will help fight back the threat to American men and women of war and growing unemployment.

We working men and women petition, Mr. President and Congressmen to stop the drive toward world destruction—before it is too late!




## Mike RUSSO

### Communist Party Offers Additions to Democratize New State Constitution

(Continued from last week)

AT THE HEARING on the new state constitution held before a joint Senate and House committee the Communist Party of Connecticut proposed several important additions to the Declaration of Rights of the new constitution as well as opposing some of the provisions of the new constitution.

We believe that a constitution in 1950, when thousands of Connecticut citizens are unemployed or working only part time and are concerned about their jobs, should contain a provision concerning the basic right of every person to a job. While, as Marxists, we know that full employment is impossible under capitalism except perhaps in times of war, nevertheless, this is a basic right of the American people—the right to work, the right to a job. The existence of such an article in our Declaration of Rights would better enable us to demand that the state carry out gigantic work projects to put unemployed to work to be financed by a state income tax on those earning over $5,000 a year and on the profits of Connecticut corporations. In addition it would be possible to fight against mass layoffs. We are happy to state that the Connecticut Federation of Labor also came out for such an article on the right to a job.

We also proposed an article on the right of workers to form trade unions and to join trade unions. We consider this right of trade union organization as basic, but none of us should not take it for granted. Just as we have free speech and religious freedom stated in the constitution, so we should have the right of trade union organizations stated plainly.

OUR PARTY also spoke out on such matters as holding state elections every two years instead of every four, on having all six state officers elected instead of just the governor and lieutenant governor, of electing judges instead of appointing them.

We spokes in favor of home rule for cities and towns and in favor of the initiative, referendum and recall although we would reduce the percentage of signatures required to carry these out. We also felt that Article I, section 20, which called for protection of the people against discrimination because of religion, race, color, ancestry or national origin should also include political belief.

THE NEW PROPOSED CONSTITUTION which would limit each town to just one representative in the State House of Representatives does not in any way begin to solve the undemocratic setup we have in Connecticut. At the present time where all cities and towns are limited to one or two representatives the small towns with the Republican Party in control representing a very small total population, control the House and prevent the passage of legislation vital to the workers of our state. For example, the town of Union, which according to the 1940 census had a population of 234 people, has two representatives, while Hartford which had 166,000 people in 1940, also had two representatives. To now limit all towns and cities to one representative, as the new constitution proposes, doesn't even begin to solve the problem.

Until now, the State Reorganization Commission has tried to get the entire new constitution acted on as a whole, but it has come to the realization that too many people are for and against different parts of the constitution and that only by considering the constitution part by part is there any chance of the legislature and the people acting favorably toward it. Certainly, all of us should speak out and make our views known on the new proposed constitution. We should have our clubs and unions make known their views to our senators and representatives.

## Compensation Award Won

HARTFORD. — Superior court Judge Howard W. Alcorn has upheld a decision awarding 51 members of Local 536 of the Teamster's Union unemployment compensation for 26 weeks of the eight months that they were lockedout by the company in 1948. The men were milk deliverers for a large Hartford dairy, a subsidiary of the General Ice Cream corporation, when the company refused to renew the contract on March 1st, 1948. The company gave the workers the choice of working on it's terms or quiting entirely. The judge declared in his decision that, "The effects of this strategy was to withhold employment from these employees as effectively as though the employer's premises had been barred and locked to them. To hold otherwise would be to retrogress to the dark ages of labor relations when the price of being allowed to work was to accept the employer's terms. It is not enough to say the jobs were there for the employees when conditions attached were onerous beyond reason."

It is not known whether the company will appeal the decision.

## Rabbis Call for FEPC Passage

BRIDGEPORT. — Three rabbis in a panel discussion stated that the survival of Judaism in the U. S. depends on not only increased Jewish education, but cooperation of Jews with other groups in fighting discrimination. Each of the rabbis represented a different type of congregation within the Jewish faith.

The panel included Rabbi David Max Eichhorn of New York, field secretary of the National Jewish Welfare Board's Division of Religious Activities, and a Reformed Rabbi, Rabbi Emmanual Rackman of Congregation Sharray Tefila, Far Rockaway, N. Y., an Orthodox unit; Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, a Conservative Jew, of Temple Beth El, Cedarhurst, N. Y.

On the civil rights issue Rabbi Sandrow stated that "good will" meetings are not sufficient. "We must have laws on the books that make an overt act against an individual because of race, creed, or color an offense against society." We must consider anti-Semitism in the same light as cases of "persons not admitted to hospitals because of color or for the same reason, Jimcrowed out of their rights by a polltax."

Rabbi Sandrow stated that every American-minded citizen should be for the adoption of such laws as the Fair Employment Practices law and the President's civil rights program.

## LYL Over the Top In 'Challenge' Drive

NEW HAVEN. — The Labor Youth League of Connecticut has gone over the top in its campaign to get 75 subscriptions for Challenge, new youth magazine appearing twice monthly. Connecticut is the first state to go over the top. The drive has been extended to April 15 and the new objective for the state is 115 subs to youth leaders. As of March 19, 92 had been achieved.

## Mourn Death Of Youth Leader

BRIDGEPORT.—Bridgeport progressives are mourning the death of Al Kalish, former GE worker and founder of the Young Progressives in Bridgeport in 1948. Kalish died in New York after having been ill for over a year. Kalish was still in his early 20's and was a veteran of the past war. While in Bridgeport he was also active in the youth section of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and led several campaigns against discrimination.

**FARM-LABOR ACTION**

DUBUQUE, Ia. (FP).—An exchange of speakers to explain each other's problems has been arranged between the Dubuque Trades and Labor Congress and the Dubuque County Farmers Union. As requested by the farm organization and voted by the labor group, a series of committees will make visits back and forth.

**WIN PAY BOOST**

CINCINNATI (FP). — Local 1728, United Steelworkers, CIO, signed a new contract with the Lunkenheimer Co. providing a general pay boost and special wage adjustments that brought wage hikes as high as 15½ cents an hour for some employes. Paid life insurance also will be provided under the new contract.

# Students Organize Peace Conference

HANOVER, N. H. — The Thomas Jefferson Club of Dartmouth College will play host to students from all over New England next weekend at a three-day student peace conference. Representatives of college Christian groups, Young Progressive clubs, chapters of the National Student Association, and other student organizations will discuss peace and hammer out plans for joint student peace action.

Though the conference will hear a nationally known leader of the peace movement, most of the delegates' time will be spent participating in discussion and panel groups. Representatives of all organizations will be encouraged to give their own points of view, and then draw up plans for action in panel groups.

Individual students, as well as representatives of organizations, are invited to attend. Those planning to attend should contact the Thomas Jefferson Club, 16 Robinson Hall, Hanover, N. H., at once. Meals and lodging will be provided at a moderate expense.

A spokesman for the Jefferson Club declared that "We, as students, feel that it is our right and our duty to articulate and to work for a free, peaceful and abundant world." The club, in its year of existence, has brought such speakers as William Patterson, Harry Sacher, and Ramon Guthrie to huge campus audiences.

## New England Outlook

### Who Is Preparing What Kind of a War?



By EMANUEL BLUM
Massachusetts Communist Party Organizer

CHRISTIAN A. HERTER, Massachusetts Congressman, who married into Standard Oil millions, had an interview with "total diplomacy" Acheson. He then released to the press his own formula for "total diplomacy": end recognition of Russia, expel her from the United Nations and stop all this phony Truman talk about expenditures on the people's needs because we will need every penny for war.

No wonder the French Communist Party Congress warned last week that, "The peace of the world hangs by a thread!"

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THE AMERICAN PEOPLE are becoming alarmed and vitally concerned about the threat to peace. At the same time, they are beginning to feel the effects of the new economic crisis. This is the shadow that hovers over them. Millions are unemployed. Millions more know that they are going to lose their jobs. The family income keeps dropping. There is no additional money for jobless pay. No money for public work. Nothing for housing. Nothing for health. Yet somehow or other there are always more and more billions for Chiang, for arms for Greece, France, Italy, Turkey, Iran, and any other country that is ready to offer its manpower on the auction block for World War III.

This thought is beginning to mature in the minds of many workers in New England. When the watch workers of Waltham were laid off recently, they marched out of the plant chanting, "Millions for Korea but not one cent for us."

The workers of Lawrence, 27% of whom are out of work, want to know why there is no money for federal projects when there is so much for guns for Europe.

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THE ANSWER IS that the American capitalist system is in another crisis. The capitalists are trying desperately to get out of this crisis by means of a new world war. It is a sign of the complete degeneracy of the capitalist system that they can only keep the system going by organizing mass murder of the peoples of the earth. War means orders. It means billions in profits, like the 54 billions they got in the last war. It means grabbing off the markets of other countries. In addition, Wall Street hopes to destroy the new socialist governments in lands where the workers dumped the capitalist system into the garbage can of history, where it belongs.

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IN PREPARATION for this war, the bosses prove every day that this is THEIR war policy and that it would be THEIR war, a war to enrich themselves at the expense of the American workers.

For example, GE recently announced that individual bargaining was to take the place of collective bargaining when the contract was terminated on April 1. This is an attempt to destroy unionism and union conditions in Charlie Wilson's Empire here at home. But Charlie has a far-flung Empire of GE investments all over the world. When GE supports Acheson's "total diplomacy," it simply wants GE workers and other workers to go to war to defend that Empire, the GE Empire. In some ways, the big shipping corporations who support the Truman-Dulles policies to enslave workers abroad seek to smash the maritime unions by outlawing the hiring hall. These are not two separate policies. They are aspects of one policy: the policy of American business, out to enslave the American workers and the workers of other lands as well.

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THOSE WORKERS who think another war will be a way out for them, as well as for the capitalists, in the form of cushy jobs at good pay, had better think about the conditions under which this war is being prepared. It is being prepared as an "open shop," Taft-Hartley, union-busting war. It is being prepared as a war to guarantee billions in profits for the corporations through the most brutal exploitation of the American working class.

That is why American workers must stop thinking of foreign policy only in terms of the "United States" and the "Soviet Union." It is first of all a question, for workers, of the "American capitalists" and the "working class." It is a question of the American capitalists seeking a way out of their crisis by using millions of exploited American workers as cannon fodder against the workers of other lands.

# Herter Urges 'Total Cold War' on USSR

BOSTON.—Congressman Christian A. Herter (R., Mass.), a leader of the government's cold war policy, has been scared stiff by the people's demand for peace. Herter last week made public foreign policy ideas he had talked over with Secretary of State Dean Acheson. His plans, if adopted, would slam the door shut forever on any peace talks between the USA and the USSR.

Herter's first proposal is for the U.S. to break off diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, and to "refuse to recognize" the Soviet government. Next step would be for the U.S. to use its influence to get the Soviet Union kicked out of the United Nations. The U.S., said Herter, would "carry on in the United Nations without her."

Should Herter and the "bi-partisans" behind him succeed in breaking all peaceful contact with the USSR, three great problems would face the nation. Herter named all three in his statement. One, he said, was to reduce taxes. Two would be to strengthen our position and forces in the Cold War. Three—a very poor third—would be to enact "President Truman's many recommendations for social legislation."

Herter, in his statement, says flatly that all three can't be done. There isn't enough money to build battleships, H-bombs, etc., and to build houses, schools, and hospitals too. Herter therefore proposes that we drop social legislation in favor of arming to the teeth.

Herter's fanatic "total war" program was flayed immediately by Progressive Party leader Walter O'Brien, who in 1948 opposed Herter for election in the 10th C.D. O'Brien declared that Herter's war-not-welfare program was "further proof that he 'misrepresents' his own constituents in the 10th C.D. . . . The American people are crying for peace, not empty stomachs."

O'Brien emphasized that the Progressive Party "is ready to unite with any or all liberal and labor forces in the 10th C.D." on a program of immediate Truman-Stalin peace talks, East-West trade, public works to relieve unemployment, repeal of Taft-Hartley, public housing, civil rights, and rent control "to insure the defeat of Herter in 1950." Herter's district includes working class chunks of Boston (Roxbury's Ward 12) as well as Brookline and Newton.

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COMMUNIST PARTY secretary Daniel Schirmer, replying to Herter's proposals, branded them "an extension of Dean Acheson's 'total diplomacy.' . . . Herter spells out the picture of a 'guns-not-butter' regime, of a bloody dictatorship of the bankers and generals that would dominate the American people and the peoples of 'the countries that would join us'."

"This military dictatorship," Schirmer continued, "would destroy the UN and turn it into an instrument of anti-Soviet war."

Schirmer listed three reasons why the Cold War architects were forced to turn more and more to "bi-partisan total diplomacy." He cited preparations for "a desperate military adventure," the necessity to ward off depression and prop up business profits by spending huge sums for armaments, and the desire to crush developing American peace sentiments and peace movements abroad.

Schirmer labeled Herter, a protege of Herbert Hoover, as a trusted agent of finance capital . . . who helped lay the base for World War II by his assistance to German reaction." Schirmer pointed out that Rockefeller oil interests had made millions throughout the world as a result of the State Department's Cold War. American firms have billions in foreign investments.

"Rockefeller would sell a lot more oil in a hot war. And this," Schirmer concluded, "is all of interest to Christian Aldrich Herter, who married Caroline Pratt, the Standard Oil heiress.

"The people of Massachusetts must answer the Acheson-Herter call for 'total diplomacy' by an 'all-out' effort for peace."

## Boost Production— Put 'Em on Skates!

BOSTON. — Here's a tip for New England mill owners. It's reported by "Boston Globe" financial writer, T.G.M. Japanese mill owners, to boost production, have given women workers roller skates. The idea is to make the women move faster from machine to machine.

The mill owners might also like to know that Japanese textile workers are forced to accept $16.10 a month for a 48-hour week. Now to get New England's mills on a "competitive basis!"

# DOCKERS HIT PAY CHISEL; STRIKE SHIP

BOSTON. — Longshoremen last week refused to be chiseled out of pay. Ship owners replied by pulling the Marquette Victory out of the port to discharge its cargo at New London, Conn. The ship carried 800,000 board feet of lumber from the West Coast.

Part of the ship's cargo had been unloaded at an Army Base berth. The ship then shifted to nearby Castle Island. The dock workers justly demanded to be paid for the time it took the ship to change berths. The operators refused to pay; the longshoremen refused to work.

The ship then went on to discharge cargo billed for Portland, Me. Three days later it returned to Boston. The longshoremen refused to work her until their claim was settled. The Isthmian Steamship Co., owners of the ship, then ordered her moved to another port to discharge the cargo.

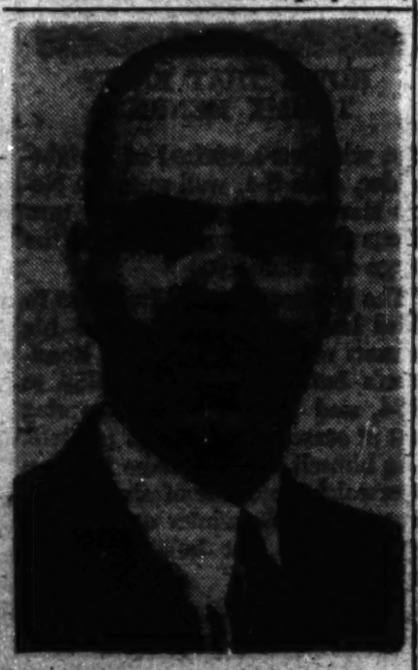
Ship owners lost money by transfering the ship. Eager to pave the way for chiseling on dockers' pay, the Boston Shipping Association claimed that Hub longshoremen had lost $2,000 in wages. But the men had successfully defended the principle of no chiseling on pay.

# Bosses' Agent Elected Head Of Committee

BOSTON.—Fred W. Steele, paid spokesman for the cotton mill owners, has been elected chairman of the state's "labor-management committee" to study the "textile problem." Steele, secretary of the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers Association, heads the committee appointed by State Commissioner of Labor and Industries John Del Monte.

The committee will hand out "advice" on suspending laws designed to protect women and children in the mills. Del Monte, after Steele's election, announced that the committee's work would be broadened to include "the whole field of labor-management relations."

DelMonte gave Steele and his mill owner bosses a green light by announcing that he will follow the committee's recommendations on all questions affecting the textile industry. Steele, and the mill bosses have the committee firmly in hand.



# Wilkerson Here For May Day

BOSTON. — Doxey Wilkerson (above) noted Negro educator, director of New York's Thomas Jefferson School, will speak in Boston at a May Day eve mass rally, Sunday night, April 30. Speaking with Wilkerson will be Emanuel Blum, district organizer of the Communist Party.

The rally will be held at Ruggles Hall, corner of Ruggles and Washington Sts., at 8 p. m. Tickets for the May Day celebration are priced at only 25 cents.

Wilkerson, in addition to his speaking engagement, will lead a special two-day class while he is in Boston.

# EAST TRADE GIVES JOBS TO DOCKERS

BOSTON. — Hub dock workers, hit hard by unemployment and short hours, last week set to work unloading a valuable cargo of potash — from the Russian zone of Germany. The cargo, arriving on the steamship Grado, is one of several now being loaded at Stettin for America.

The Grado unloaded at the Mystic docks in Charlestown. The ship was the object of much curiosity. Longshoremen realize that free trade between the U.S. and the USSR, eastern European countries, and Communist China would mean more jobs for them.

The USSR has indicated that it is eager for wide trade. But the cold war State Department has forbidden most trade with Russia. The Russians, however, have shipped materials potentially useful to war to the U.S.

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SUNDAY—1:30 P.M.
Station WSAR, Fall River
1480 on the dial

# Pick Dodgers and Indians

## Worker Sees Braves, Bosox Runner-Ups

By Lester Rodney

Despite a rash of aching muscles, creaking arms and sore knees, the 1950 baseball season definitely will start on Tuesday and barring rain, 16 big league clubs will take the field to begin the long 154-game parade to glory, disappointment and $$$. The early line favors a repeat performance by the Brooklyn Dodgers in the National League, and the upending of the world champion Yankees by the twice-frustrated, power laden Boston Red Sox in the American. We go along with half that ticket.

There are lots of intriguing questions in these races. In the American League, the outstanding questions are:

Can the Yanks get another big performance from the remarkable 35-year-old Joe DiMaggio, still the game's greatest all round performer when sound? Even if Joe stays in one piece, won't he be fading a little more rapidly past his peak? How about 34-year-old Tommy Henrich, who survived a rough season but is starting this one with an ailing knee? Who's on first? Rizzuto had his greatest year but he's a year older at 32 . . . can the upcoming young men stocking a strong bench fill the gap quickly enough this year and with the powerful pitching pull the Stadiumites through again?

Will the power laden Red Sox, nipped on the final day for two seasons in a row because of bad starts, turn on the heat from the start aided by a schedule which has them at home 22 of their first 30 games, and rocket out of sight to win in a romp?

Can the exciting rookie slugger Luke Easter, plus a pitching revival by Feller and Bearden, put the still very dangerous Cleveland Indians back on top?

Can Red Rolfe, as shrewd and resourceful a young manager to hit the big time in years, pull a miracle with his Detroit Tigers based on a tremendous outfield, deep and good pitching, and spirit, despite big question marks in several positions?

IN THE NATIONAL, the midwinter notion was Brooklyn bigger and better than ever, possibly to romp as the Cards went into a long expected fading act.

Now there's new excitement in Boston as the Braves, with a refurbished outfield boasting the slugging powers of Sid Gordon and Willard Marshall and the potential talents of rookie Sam Jethroe, plus a pitching comeback by Johnny Sain, are looking up. And the Cards, with Musial in his prime, Slaughter showing no signs of disintegration, and strong basic pitching, have plenty of backing.

Both leagues, as we see it, have three serious pennant contenders and two outside possibilities. I rate the Dodgers, Braves and Cards, Yanks, Bosox and Indians in the first category, the Giants, Phils, Tigers and A's in the second, and out of the flag picture completely the Pirates, Reds, Cubs, Chisox, Browns and Senators.

But enough of this shilly shallying. Let's pick 'em in order with a few words on each team. First the American League.

### Indians

Here are the reasons I see a return of Cleveland to the top. First, they have added long range power in the booming bat of Luke Easter, who through the spring circuit began to show that his prodigious slugging on the Coast last year was not a flash in the pan. A fast big



HOW'S THAT KNEE? TOMMY HENRICH

man who has surprised as a rightfielder, this 6-4, well muscled Negro star is the type who can turn things upside down if he gets the range and holds it.

The Indians dropped from first to third last season. One of the big reasons was the drop in Lou Boudreau's batting mark from .355 to .284, and though he was coming fast at season's end, it was too late. Lou himself says he came to camp overweight and out of shape after an unavoidable winter on the banquet circuit, but he's ready and sharp this time.

Potent reserve strength has come along to change the picture. Behind the slick Mickey Vernon at first is Herb Conyers, who rapped .355 for the Texas League title and r.b.i.'d 134 runs. Putting a new bark in the batting order and resting the classy receiving Jim Hegan is Jim Murray, who batted in 94 in the Texas and has looked even better than that.

There's a lot of talk about the Detroit and Boston outfields, but what's wrong with Cleveland's dazzling all star trio? Dale Mitchell, one of the constantly great post war stars, was the only A.L. player to get 200 hits last year, led in triples with 23 and hit .317. Larry Doby, supposedly having an "off year", batted a productive .280 and hit 24 homers, third highest in the league.

The youngster who came right out of the Negro league into the big time figures to improve some in his third year. Then there's Easter and an improved Allie Clark figl.ting to get into things.

Al Rosen could make a big difference at third and Bob Kennedy can always do a better than competent job there. Rapidly development fielder in for Joe Gordon is little touted Beto Avila, a sleeper who could emerge suddenly with a bang.

It should be recalled that the Indian pitching staff last year had the lowest earned run percentage in the majors, this dispite lame duck performances by Feller and Bearden, both of whom look much more like their old selves this spring. Bellcow of course is the strong armed steady 20 game winner, Bob Lemon, and young Mike Garcia is ready and willing as a strong second ace. Early Wynn and Sam Zoldak are two nominees for surprise performances here, and an acquisition of importance is Jesse Flores, once a consistent winner with the A's, who came back with 21 and 10 for San Diego last year.

That's it. I like the ballclub, think the outfield is tops offensively the pitching great, and Easter potent enough to tip the balance.

### Red Sox

You don't have to strain to make out a case for the Boston Red Sox to finish at least second. The difficulty is always in figuring how come they don't do it . . . easy.

The Sox last year had four hitters who hit over .300, three who who drove more than 100 runs across, including the top two of either league, the two winningest pitchers in the league in Parnell and Kinder, and the devastation of the game's greatest and most prolific hitter, Ted Williams.

They have the same team back, except that rightfielder Al Zarilla, an important acquisition, is there all season. He knocked over 80 runs in part time duty. Mickey McDermott, the "next Grove," should presumably make the pitching better.

So why don't I pick 'em, especially since they're apt to get a much faster start due to the schedule break? On intangibles, the fact that Stephens, Doerr and Dom are a year older, not to mention Tebbetts, that something somehow always seemed lacking when the Sox came up to the big moment, that Kinder won't repeat his surprise big year and McDermott will be less than another Grove.

But, who knows?

### Yanks

Briefly on the Yanks. We thought they would fade to third last year and they picked up all the marbles. Can't see DiMaggio and Henrich, the two big guns, going all out long enough this year. The team is in an inbetween stage, with subtly fading stars, and up and coming replacements of the Bauer, Martin type not yet ready to go it alone. This despite pitching which could be as good as any in front line strength, and Joe Page still around.

Of course, it's always dangerous to count out the likes of Joe DiMaggio, at any age.

### Tigers

I think the Detroit outfield of Wertz, Groth and Evers is great and will be even better. The pitching, headed up by the formidable young Houtteman and backed by Trucks, Hutchinson, Newhouser, Gray and Rogovin, can't be bad. But I don't see the club as a real flag threat because I think Priddy is a little overrated and past his peak at second, Kryhoski is not yet a class player, and Lipon not a pennant winning shortstop. Kell is swell, and young Ginsberg could be the league's coming catcher. But too many ifs.

### A's

I'll get a big fight from Philly on this, but can't see the A's for beans. True, they got Dillinger, but they had plenty of good scatter hitters. They simply don't have the big booming punch and the pitching can't carry the attack. Take the classy infield combine. Joost tapered off to .263 and is getting along. Suder is a .267 rapper. Fain, never what he was touted, was .263. And the outfield hasn't the big guns to carry this crew.

### White Sox

Like the Chisox to come up a way, with Gus Zernial back in form and one of the authentic righthand power sockers, an exceptionally talented young shortstop rookie in Al Carresquel, bought cheaply from the Brooklyn chain at 30 Gs, more infield punch from Majeski at the price of a little speed, and a flock of lefthanded pitchers who will make some teams sorry. Bill Wight, Bob Kusava and Billy Pierce really have it and are coming fast. The second named could move along soon into the premier southpay spot in the league. Randy Gumpert is now an established righthander.

Big hole is at first. If the Sox can pry Mickey Vernon from Cleveland without giving up too much they'd even be a good outside bet for the first division. So it seems from here. Watch that Carresquel. They tell me he has it.

### Browns

The Browns have a rugged path ahead but should beat out the Nats in the fight for the cellar, despite the handicap of an all year psychologist on the bench. Vievers and Kokos in the outfield are genuine articles, Garver and Fannin are pitchers, Moss an underrated young catcher and Billy De Mars a much better shortstop than the Browns have had since Stephens left.

If Al Widmar, 22-game winner at Baltimore, is given the ridiculously low minimum salary he wants, the staff will shape up a little better. But the De Witts seem to prefer to lose him and invoke the baseball blacklist to keep him out. If they do, I hope Widmar wins his lawsuit and makes the Browns and Happy Chandler pay through the nose.

Say, looks like we'll have to hold the National League till next week, with full detailed rundowns on each of the eight teams, whose order we have already selected. Nothing that happens between Tuesday and next weekend can make what we write for next week's papers TOO silly.

Meanwhile, if you think we're way off on any of the teams, why just say so and you'll find it in print. We like arguments as much as the next guys.

And have you sent along your contribution to the fund drive of our fighting paper to keep it going for peace? If you haven't, and maybe if you agree with my pennant choices (ahem), why not send it credit of this writer and it will be happily acknowledged.

## JUST ONE MAN'S OPINION

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## WORKER Sports



A BIG YEAR LEFT? Joe DiMaggio

## The 'Line' Says Dodgers, Bosox

ST. LOUIS, (UP).—Oddsmaker James J. Carroll established the Boston Red Sox 13 to 10 favorites to win the American League pennant and the Brooklyn Dodgers 6 to 5 choice in the National.

Other odds in the American are New York Yankees, 5 to 2; Detroit Tigers 4 to 11, Cleveland Indians 6 to1, Philadelphia Athletics 10 to 1, Chicago White Sox 60 to 1, and St. Louis Browns and Washington 100 to 1 each.

In the National the St. Louis Cardinals are 3 to1, Boston Braves 4 to1, Philadelphia Phils 8 to1, New York Giants 12 to 1, Pittsburgh Pirates 20 to 1 and Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds 50 to 1 each.

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# Mike Gold writes on France

**The former Daily Worker columnist who recently returned from an extended stay in Europe begins a series of articles in The Worker this week. Turn to Page 3 of the Magazine Section for the first of this series —"*THIS* IS PARIS."**

# WHY WAS B-29 OVER USSR?

— See Page 3 —

# *How the Czechs Celebrated Easter*

PRAGUE.—As they do every year at Easter, people of this Socialist land marked two minutes of silence for peace . . . and for the war dead of all lands. This year the people of Czechoslovakia interrupted their work, paused at whatever they were doing in two minutes of reverent silence also for those fighting for freedom—in China, in Viet Nam, Malaya.

Prague's meeting was sponsored jointly by the Czechoslovak Red Cross and the Committee of the Defenders of Peace and held at the House of Artists under the slogan: "Fight for Peace; for happy homes of working people!" Dr. Oldrich John, chairman of the National Assembly, which corresponds to the U. S. Congress, represented the President of the Republic at the ceremonies. Cabinet ministers, Mayor Vacek of Prague, members of the diplomatic corps of the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia's neighboring democracies also attended.



The photo shows (left to right): Mrs. H. Spurna, vice chairman of the National Assembly; Mrs. Oldrich John; Dr. John; and Gen. Alois Vicherek, chairman of the Red Cross.

# Southern Workers Battle Labor Bureaucrats; CIO Rightwing Brings Back Jimcrow Practices

## Negroes Segregated in Union Center; Kluxer Police Official Supported

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The CIO in Memphis was built on the policy of taking in all workers regardless of creed or color. This program was a great success as mass industries were organized and about 30,000 workers, a majority of them Negro, joined the CIO. But the present klan-minded, dixiecrat Memphis CIO leadership has gone back on the original CIO policies. They are to blame for the loss in union membership, for the division between Negro and white brothers, and for some unions being on the outside of CIO today.

They recently expelled, as part of CIO national policy, the Memphis FTA from the CIO council. This union is the symbol of struggle for better conditions for hundreds of Memphis workers, especially Negro workers. All the Negro people of Memphis know how this union has fought for the freedom of Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram.

In Memphis, FTA's president is a Negro. Two Negro women were employed as office workers by Memphis FTA in a Jimcrow city that knows few such openings for Negro women. This is the union that has been expelled from the Memphis CIO council.

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THE PRESENT CIO Memphis leaders have openly and disgracefully put Jimcrow into the Memphis CIO. In the CIO headquarters building the toilets have been marked off "for white" and "for colored" by the CIO leaders. Even meetings are now held on a segregated basis.

The white supremacist regional CIO director here, W. A. Copeland, refuses to place more than one Negro organizer on his staff. As a result there is only this one, single organizer in Memphis where there are 30,000 CIO members, a majority of whom are Negro. This one CIO Negro organizer is not allowed to have his office in CIO headquarters building. He must be Jimcrowed to another section of town in another building.

Copeland was a member of the Newspaper Guild in the 30's, then an AFL union, and the AFL council. When the guild voted to join the CIO Copeland hung onto his seat in the AFL council and did all he could to block the formation of the CIO.

He "controls" more than just Memphis CIO. He has tried to control Negro people's organizations. He has worked through Henry White, who is a representative of the United Transport Service Employes, CIO.

Copeland is not satisfied in keeping the CIO from fighting for the rights of Negro workers, but he also tries to prevent other Memphis organizations from doing so.

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ANOTHER WHITE supremacist and splitter of labor's unity in Memphis is Earl Crowder, who is representative of the United Steel Workers Union. Snuff workers in Memphis joined the Steel Worker's Union and went out on strike hoping for help of all organized labor in the city. When NMU and FTA members went down to help them they were run off by Crowder.




HERE'S ONE WAY Jimcrow has returned to the Memphis (Tenn.) CIO headquarters. The signs were put up by the West Tennessee Area Director for the Southern Organizing Drive.



Crowder didn't want the snuff workers to associate with members and leaders of these unions who oppose his policy of dictation and Jimcrow. Crowder is not an elected official but hired by Murray, as are all CIO officials in the city except those of the Firestone local.

Crowder has a reputation for being anti-Negro. When progressive white unionists speak out against the CIO's segregated toilets they are labeled as "reds" by Crowder. He says that Communists are leading this fight and that all know that "Negroes can easily be swayed by whites."

A Negro member of the council, Josh Tools, got up and said he resented Crowder's Jimcrow attitude and that he knew other Negro unionists resented it. For this Tools, who is a member of the national negotiating committee of the Firestone workers, was severely reprimanded by the Jimcrow CIO leadership.

It was CIO policy to fight for good labor laws, but here too the Memphis CIO leaders have strayed away from original CIO policy. They supported Clifford Davis for Congress, a man who voted for Taft-Hartley, and who voted again for it when he was returned to Congress. Davis is a former Klansman and city police commisisoner.

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SOME MEMBERS of the CIO organizing staff distributed sample ballots which called for Davis' election.

FTA and other progressive union members supported a man who promised to vote for labor and against the Taft-Hartley. He is the Rev. Dwight V. Klye, a Negro minister, who also favored FEPC and an anti-lynch law. Because FTA refused to support klan-minded, anti-labor Davis, is another reason it was expelled from the Memphis CIO council by the Crowders and Copelands.

The fight that progressive white and Negro CIO union members are putting up in Memphis for the real CIO program is taking place in every large Southern city. Workers everywhere in the South are showing that they refuse to accept the Jimcrow policy of the present CIO leadership because it is not the real CIO program. It is, on the other hand, the program of the Dixiecrats, their masters, the bosses, who are the only ones to profit when labor is split and divided.

## Ouster of Negro Leaders Broke Local's Power

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—When the men at the production foundry, Jackson Industries, had a fighting union they did away with speed-up, foremen swearing at the workers, and poor pay. Today, because the union followed a Jimcrow policy and refusal to fight for the workers, Jackson employes work under open shop conditions.

Just consider the men lifting 50-pound weights to cover molds. They lift about 4,000 to 5,000 pounds on a shift with only three, ten minute breaks. In the past the weight men worked a half an hour on and a half an hour off at this hard and very hot job. Now the weight men work in a foundry generally tells how all men are treated.

At Jackson the weight lifting job is "killing," one worker said. These workers groan and call for relief after their several hours of work, but are offered no help.

Before the union came the men had no special hours. They worked eight and a half to ten hours a day right through the hot summer months. The union made an 8-hour day with time and a half for over time. It won seniority, six holidays, vacation with pay, and bargaining rights to settle grievances.

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THE COMPANY was interested in breaking this union. Appeals to prejudice were used by white supremacists right in the union. Some of these said that Negro officers of the union should be replaced by whites, "then they could get more for us." This supremacist attitude helped split the unity of white and Negro members. If Negroes were permitted to stay in office they were "controlled" by white supremacist leaders.

With the union split by prejudice and thus weakened, by the company laid off some of the best union men, Negro and white. Some of these were never called back and this further broke the strength of the union.

The company began right away to trim down most of the union's benefits. One Negro worker, Alec Nixon, who was a molder at $1.04 an hour was transferred to the rank of common labor at 91½ cents an hour. He left the plant and went to Chicago. Another Negro worker, Archie Edwards, had extra work put on him. He was thereby forced to leave the plant. He is now in California.

Negro workers who thought they could work along with the white supremacists soon found their pay cut, more work put on them, or were fired. These were the "benefits" of their working with such phony company stooges.

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NOW THAT THE UNION has been beaten down, speedup is back on the job. The company finished its 1949 contract as early as September. Since then there has been irregular employment in the foundry.

Today grievances of the workers are not handled, there are many layoffs, speedups, and poor conditions of work. The union is weak. No one believes that it will "stand by the workers." Few attend meetings and new employes are not invited to join the union.

## Can Mother and Baby Live on $50 a Month?

By Lillian Long

NEW ORLEANS, La.—It takes a truly epic quality for one lie to stand out among the colorful and complicated lies which enliven the pages of the two main New Orleans newspapers—the Times Picayune and the Item. Of such quality, however, is the blandly insolent pronouncement of the Department of Welfare that hitherto it has been "giving people on relief 100 percent of their needs" but will now be forced, grieving, to "cut it to 75 percent or less."

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ABOUT ONE-QUARTER or a little less of these are old-age "assistance" grants. The other three-quarters are families—two people or more. "I don't see how they figure," says the old lady on $26 a month. "It's too much for my mind."

It's fantastic, of course, to ask how she lives on that sum. She doesn't live, she merely hopes to survive from day to day.

"I never see my check," says the young woman with the two-year-old baby. "Out of $50 for the whole month, $12.75 goes for rent, (she has a housing project apartment), $3.40 or more goes for the kerosene I need to cook and heat the house with. They haven't turned on the gas there yet. It's at least $12 a month for the baby's milk bill. When she was 11 months old, the baby swallowed a sewing needle. They can't operate on her till she's six and now she can eat hardly anything but milk, so I have to buy it. And then I go to the cheap groceries right away and buy $20 worth of groceries. Yes, I buy the cheapest and most filling foods—like rice and beans and cereals and grits. It doesn't last more than two weeks, though. There's no way in the world to make that food last more than two weeks for both of us. And besides that when I get the check I'm usually in debt for the last month so $5 to $15 has to come out of it before I start.

"In the middle of the month, I run out of food, that's all. I just run out. I come up and stay with my sister and eat with her. If I didn't have a family to come to when I run out—I don't know. As it is, I have to borrow the last part of every month and pay it back when the check comes."

Everyday necessities? She's been so long without them that she doesn't know what it's like to have them. It was this young woman whose baby, a few weeks ago, was running a high fever. At Charity Hospital they told her the baby had to have penicillin. But, they said, you must pay $1.20 for the penicillin.

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WHERE DOES A MOTHER on $50 a month get $1.20 for penicillin? Lucky I was able to borrow it," she says. "I don't know, seems to me if the baby had of been dying for penicillin—seems to me they'd almost let her die if I couldn't get that $1.20."

And now a cut in relief! Theoretically the reason is a decrease in the intake of sales tax money, out of which funds for the Department of Welfare are budgeted. The decrease is because people are buying less and therefore paying less in sales taxes. Actually, the corrupt political machine which controls the Louisiana State treasury is determined to keep its full measure of profit and graft and to make the most needy section of the population bear the burden of any decrease in buying power of the public.

It will take a mass demonstration to make them drop the lies and admit reality.

## See Jump in Dixie Rents

Rents in Virginia and Alabama will be jumping up in a couple months. They will be decontrolled in three states and already control staffs have been cut to a minimum.

Those who rent their homes, apartments or rooms can expect their rents to increase by great leaps.

In Dallas, Tex., 67 percent of the decontrolled units got increases. Many rent raises amounted to 50 and 100 percent. In Knoxville, Tenn., 61 percent of the rental units under former control got substantial increases.

## Steel Local Loses Plant by Jimcrow

HOUSTON, Tex.—In one of the biggest and most important organizing tests to have taken place here in years, Phil Murray's United Steelworkers, CIO was defeated by the company union (Independent Metal Workers) at the big Hughes Tool Company Plant.

The results were:

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| USA-CIO | 1071 |
| Independent | 1171 |
| No Union | 26 |

The organizing campaign of the CIO was conducted on strictly Jimcrow segregated lines, with separate meetings and committees of Negro and white. This fatal procedure, which lay at the root of the previous defeats of the CIO at this plant, was continued under the directorship of James Dickerson, who was elected area director on the promise of "ending Jimcrow."

The discrimination against the hundred of Negro workers in the plant, who are all clasified as porters or janitors, regardless of type of work engaged in, and who have been systematically kept out of skilled jobs for which they are fully qualified, is one of the key issues in the plant.

The steel organizers never uttered a word on this in their material issued to the workers. The result was they did not succeed in winning over more white workers, and forfeited the confidence of the Negro workers.

# The Landlord Spree Can Be Halted

**THE NEXT** ten weeks will tell the story: Will your landlord get a chance to dip into your pocket for as much as he wants?

**That's what will happen if rent controls are allowed to die on June 30.**

Chicago tenants may as well be prepared for the worst — if we lose the fight for controls. Here, we have the most powerful, the most predatory real estate trust. Here, the housing shortage has been maintained and intensified — through the cooperation of the City Hall gang.

**In Dallas, Texas, rents went up as high as 400 percent when controls were recently lifted. That's a preview for Chicago — especially in the overcrowded ghetto areas.**

The people's No. 1 slogan in this fight is: "Keep and strengthen federal controls."

However, the Truman administration is already preparing another betrayal by toying with "compromise" legislation providing for local option and local controls.

**This plays into the hands of the real estate trust which wants nothing better than a chance to destroy controls piecemeal.**

There is no guarantee that local controls will be set up unless a powerful fight is begun now for federal controls.

Gov. Stevenson is already hedging and stalling on his promise to call a special session of the Legislature to act on a state rent control law.

As for the Chicago City Council, the current public housing fiasco has proved how thoroughly this body is dominated by the big landlords.

**Nevertheless, the fight must now be carried on at all levels.**

**— for federal controls without "compromise."**

**— for state and local controls, to bolster controls but not as a substitute.**

Let's all get into this fight! Begin now. Begin with a letter to your congressman and to Senate Majority Leader Scott W. Lucas.


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# 10 WEEKS TO RENEW RENT CONTROL

## STOP the Rent Gouge!




## Run-Off Poll At Ingersoll Plant Apr. 20

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# Chicago Tenants Face Rent Blitz June 30

By Ann Prosten

CHICAGO. — Unlimited rent raises and wholesale evictions are ten weeks off for Chicago families—unless a campaign is mounted to extend the federal rent control law which expires on June 30. This warning, voiced earlier by Chicago's organized tenants, was underscored last week by Chief Justice Edward S. Scheffler of Municipal Court. In a letter to Governor Stevenson urging a special session of the state legislature to guarantee local protection for renters in the event of national de-control, Scheffler predicted:


SEN. LUCAS

"There will be many unreasonable and unconscionable rent increases, and many arbitrary evictions by landlords anxious to get rid of allegedly undesirable tenants."

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**IN THE FACE** of this alarming forecast, and despite growing demands from other quarters for a special session, the Governor's reply was: "We'll wait and see what Congress does."

Hitting out at Stevenson's stand as "an evasion of the Governor's responsibility to the people of Illinois," Victor Ludwig, chairman of the Chicago Tenants Action Council, declared:

**"The landlords will hardly 'wait and see' before moving in to make their kill, once federal rent control is out.**

Ludwig asserted that the Governor's sincerity on the question of rent control could be measured by the speed with which he summons a special session. Explaining that his organization viewed a state rent law only as a "stop-gap" and not as the solution to the rent problem, he urged that Illinois adopt a strong measure "to help strengthen the fight for a a better federal law than we now have on the books."

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**THE TENANTS'** leader reported that thousands of signatures had already been affixed to a petition launched by his organization requesting a special session of the state legislature.

Aroused by Judge Scheffler's widely-publicized declaration, Chicago tenants were intensifying demands on Illinois Congressmen and Senators for renewal of federal rent controls before the June 30 expiration date.

Spurring their efforts was the vivid recollection of chaos and turmoil which followed a brief suspension of rent controls during the summer of 1947. While Congress debated the issue, many Chicago tenants found their rents increased overnight. Thousands were served with eviction notices by landlords anxious to take full advantage of the rent and housing crisis.


REP. SABATH

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**OBSERVERS** pointed that a repetition of the 1947 experience would assume even more disastrous proportions in 1950. Landlord-biased administration of the weakened rent law has already doubled rents for thousands of Chicago families. Chicago Rent Director Norman Shogren admitted recently that his office has approved from 70 to 75 percent of all requests for raises submitted by landlords.

Extent of the rent steal planned by local real estaters has been indicated by the Cook County Fair Rent Committee, a land-

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# Senate to Get Mundt Bill or FEPC

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# Hit Steel Speedup

## Locals Demand Convention Act

Walkouts of steelworkers in widely scattered plants throughout the country against intolerable speedup conditions have sharply put the focus on the issue of belly-crawling versus fighting policies in the steel union leadership.

Work crews are being cut; the remaining men are pushed to put out far more than before; tonnage and incentive rates are cut; individual workers are ordered to do the work of two men; foremen are becoming more arrogant.

In the face of this boss-onslaught union officials keep telling the workers there is nothing they can do about it. Despite this "advice," workers take organized strike action, as the stories on this page show, and are able at times to force the companies to back down.

This unbearable situation must be changed. Information at hand shows that a number of steel locals throughout the country have adopted resolutions for the coming steel union convention aimed at bringing these changes about.

The adopted resolutions include:

1. No changes in work loads, tonnage or incentive rates without the approval of the workers concerned and the union.

2. Rescind the no-strike clause from all contracts.

3. For memberships' right to strike vote and ratification of contracts.

4. Condemn U. S. Steel's failure to facilitate hiring of 5th step grievance arbitrator as "breach of good faith" and for militant union action to compel company to so do.

### Local Demands Right To Vote on Strikes

LOS ANGELES.—Steel Local 1845 at the Bethlehem Steel plant here has voted to ask the union's next convention to direct union-wide membership votes on all questions of strikes and settlements.

The local declared that before contracts, such as settled the recent steel strike, are signed the membership should get a chance to vote on acceptance.

### To Issue Material On Pensions, Welfare

Responding to many inquiries out of widespread dissatisfaction with the welfare and pension settlement in the steel industry, the Lake County Communist Party at Gary, Indiana, has undertaken a study and analysis of this problem.

Anyone interested in receiving a copy of these materials can do so by writing to Frank Mucci, rm. 5, 1088 Broadway, Gary, Indiana.

## Hammond

HAMMOND, Ind.—There's been a camel with a bad back walking around the American Steel Foundry plant here for months, and the company finally applied that straw which broke his back.

The straw turned out to be an attempt to make an oldtimer do the work of two men. He refused, and the company fired him. Whereupon all of the men, boiling over because of a mountain of unsolved grievances, walked off the job.

The international union called an emergency meeting through its stooge, local president Stanley Rigda, in order to force the men to go back to work. But the workers insisted on a strike vote, and forced it through. Only one man out of 800 at the meeting voted to go back to work. The stooge quickly adjourned the meeting.

The company soon enough found out what happened, and surrendered the very next day. The oldtimer is back on the job, doing only his own work. In addition, the company agreed to immediately arbitrate a whole number of long-standing grievances.

## Bethlehem at Lackawanna

LACKAWANNA.—Four hundred workers in the Bethlehem cold-strip mill here walked off the job last Monday night in protest at company speedup and the elimination of 27 jobs. Julian Bruce, international representative of the United Steelworkers of America (CIO) declared that the walkout was "unauthorized."

The workers returned to work on Tuesday while the union's grievance committee met with representatives of the company.

Bruce, in a statement to the press, said the walkout occurred after the company, in a speed-up "readjustment," eliminated the jobs of inspector, tester and tester-helper and sent 27 men who had held these jobs back to the ranks. The installation of new equipment in the mill, he explained, made it impossible for inspectors to perform their duties properly.

Last month Local 2001, USA CIO voted unanimously to condemn Bethlehem for its "lily-white" policy in the strip mill.

## Chicago Steelworker Scores Pension-Welfare Settlement

EDITOR:

The pension-insurance deal Phil Murray made with the steel corporations is coming home to roost. The steel worker can now see for himself what we were handed by our leaders.

The insurance plan at Carnegie-Illinois gives no surgical care. The pension plan is the kind of company "welfare" we used to get during company union days. The company decides when a man is eligible, how much he gets, when he should be cut off—the company runs the whole show. We've got no say at all.

We pay about $7 a month and get much less than the miners, who get $130 in pensions and have a real hand in running the pension fund. So steel workers are plenty dissatisfied with Murray's raw deal.

At Carnegie, new reheating furnace rates brought a six cent cut for the men. At Republic (Local 1033) a rate adjustment grievance in the open hearth has been pending for two years. Meanwhile, the members freely talk how the Murray boys help themselves to the treasury instead of fighting grievances.

How's hoping the membership is able to clean out the money-hungry job seekers and elect honest, good union men who know how to fight for the members' interests.

—A CHICAGO STEELWORKER.



GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE: "Hey! What happened to that 5th step grievance you took over five months ago? Did'ya lose that one, too?"

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE: "Tut, Tut! We never lose a grievance! Why, we've got grievances filed away for five years and haven't lost a single one yet!"

## Steel Sparks

### BOSTON AND ATLANTIC CITY

THE SITUATION under which the fifth convention of the United Steelworkers of America opens its sessions in Atlantic City, May 9, differs greatly from that which prevailed at the Boston convention in 1948.

The war danger is sharper and the Truman foreign policy is seen as a war policy by more workers today. Peace sentiment and resistance to Wall Street's war program are greater. The illusion that Murray's support for the Truman-bipartisan foreign policy meant jobs or was "only for the record to take the heat off labor," has been badly dented.

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THE 1949 CONVENTION STAND of the steel union leaders that support for the employers' foreign policy was the "dividing line between patriots and traitors"; the basis for "uniting America" in a "classless America" where wages, working conditions and profits would all improve is seen by more and more workers as a fake and a fraud. In the two years since Boston, steel profits hit an all-time peak, while layoffs, speedup and a wage freeze hit steelworkers. While 28 steel companies amassed a $2,000,000,000 reserve, workers' savings dried up and families began to live from paycheck to paycheck, while debts increased.

The 1948 convention stand of the steel union leaders that supporting candidates pledged to the Marshall Plan in the elections would bring Taft-Hartley repeal, adoption of FEPC, housing, health and other labor-sponsored legislation, is now exposed as so much hog-wash in the face of the record—a record which every steel worker, Negro and white, can see and feel for himself.

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THE 1948 CONVENTION STAND of the steel union leaders against a militant, fighting wage policy, as expressed in their vile and contemptible attack on heroic Nick Migas, is now brought sharply home to all steel workers every pay day. When steel workers see new welfare deductions from their paychecks, less take-home pay than before, they now know that Nick Migas was speaking for them, while Phil Murray and his goons were attacking the rank-and-file when they ganged up on Migas.

The 1948 steel convention was the convention of the lamb lying down with the lion. The militant, fighting policies of the rank-and-file, expressed by many old-timers, progressives, Communists and non-party, were scrapped. Instead, "love-the-boss," bellycrawling policies were adopted. And, as though to drive a last nail into the coffin of fighting policies, the Murray machine adopted the anti-Communist clause, barring Communists and "followers of the Communist line" from holding office. Steelworkers have seen the payoff of these policies on their kitchen table in these two years.

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MURRAY SENT A LETTER to all locals warning against the election of Communists to the 1950 convention. Murray and his henchmen must, therefore, take full responsibility themselves for the conditions that prevail in the union and the industry today.

Without Communists around to use as a "whipping-boy" and as a diversion, how will Murray answer these questions:

DID MURRAY'S "WAR ON COMMUNISM" and unity with the bosses behind the cold war raise the wages and living standards of the steel workers?

Did workers get more jobs out of this cold war support, or did layoffs begin in steel?

DID MURRAY'S SUPPORT of the Marshall Plan get Taft-Hartley repealed, or didn't Truman use that vicious law to try to break the 10 months' long miners' strike?

DID MURRAY'S SUPPORT of Wall Street's foreign policy bring FEPC, or wasn't a phony bill passed which had the support of Dixiecrats, Republicans and Northern Democrats, all, and which, gives the Negro nothing, absolutely nothing at all?

DID MURRAY'S SUPPORT of Wall Street's foreign policy bring housing for low-income groups—the workers—or didn't it encourage Truman to go ahead with his decision to build the Hell-Bomb?

As if to make sure that the rank-and-file would not be present in any large numbers to raise such embarrassing questions in the 1950 convention, the Murray machine railroaded through at Boston a decision to cut down the size of the convention. The Murray boys expect to put up a grand circus-style show at Atlantic City. But the rank-and-file is rapidly getting beyond the fooling stage, Mr. Murray!

# 'Dear Boss'— A LETTER TO PRESIDENT OF YOUNGSTOWN TUBE CO.

Mr. Frank Purnell, President,
Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co.
Dear Boss:

I read your letter to me and my fellow-workers as published in The Bulletin for March. In fact, to make sure I got the real meaning behind all the fancy words, I read it out loud to my wife and asked her what she made of it.

And boss, you know what? The little lady just don't understand you at all, she's got you all wrong.

Remember that part where you complain that the cost of modern, labor saving machinery "has risen from two to four times their original cost"? Well, she says that's because the steel industry has raised prices about 5 times since the end of the war!

Well, boss, I put my foot down and told her to not interrupt until I finished reading your letter. So she just listened and I finally got to the end of your letter, which, as you remember, went like this:

". . . . Any unusual work stoppages, unnecessary absenteeism, workmanship below standard which might result in poor quality, slowdowns or featherbedding, or service not up to par—all these will affect the profit picture. And with reduced profit our plans for pensions for the future will be seriously impaired."

Boss, I thought I heard strong language on the job (and believe me, there's plenty to speak strong language about!) But you should have heard what the little lady said when I finished your letter!

BUT to save your valuable time (by the way, just what do you do for an honest living?) I won't repeat the juicy words, and I'll just boil down what she said to the bone, just so's you get the idea:

"That --- is threatening you. He's telling you if you don't speed up and knuckle under, the company is just going to cut out the pension you guys struck for six weeks to get.

"That is saying that free enterprise means profits and profits only, and that if profits go down, then the working man must take the cap. In other words, that --- is saying that profits come before people . . . why, that ---!

"Free enterprise, eh? So industry is working at near capacity and about's over 6 million unemployed, and profits are at all-time peaks. So that's free enterprise, eh? Well, they know what they can do with it!

"And where does he get that nerve trying to tell you that profit is all that is left for the poor boss after he pays ALL his expenses? Why the only people that produce profit are the working classes, and the bosses take it all except the little for wages, and they pay for advertising, taxes, new machines, office help and lots more out of the profits made by the steelworkers. Who's he trying to kid, making you think that you're the least important guy in that mill?

"Why, if you go to the latrine for as much as 10 minutes, they send out an alarm after you. But if Mr. Purnell stayed in there all day, nobody'd miss him! Did you ever see him making any steel?

"YOU KNOW something, boss, she sounds like a Communist. But I like her, and I like her ideas, too, boss! So do lots of other Joes.

Now I don't like to make threats, boss. I'm a peaceable kind of guy. But how would you like it if I ended up a letter with these words:

"Any unusual speeding-up, unnecessary arrogance by the company, refusal to get grievances settled quickly, and other anti-labor activity—all these will affect the wage picture. And with attacks on our wages, our plans for continuing to stay on the job in the future will be seriously impaired."

Get the point, Boss? Well, lots of us are thinking this way, Philip Murray notwithstanding!

JOE DOAKS,
WORKER.



Hitlerite Oehmke and Kennelly

# Kennelly's Blessing For Nazi Army Officer

CHICAGO.—"All I did was fight the Russians." That was the punch-line that won for Hans Oehmke the key to the city last week, as well as the plaudits of Mayor Kennelly.

Oehmke fought the Russians as an officer in Hitler's Wehrmacht. But Kennelly and other city bigwigs found it easy to forgive and forget such a little "indiscretion."

**They also glossed over the fact that Oehmke was one-time leader of the Hitler youth, that his father was the head of one of Hitler's largest munitions plants, that his father was also a member of the Nazi Party.**

Oehmke was here as a visiting student on an exchange scholarship. City Hall authorities welcomed him like a long-lost son and listened enraptured while he envisioned for them the next drang nach Osten, "Europe united as in the days of Charlemagne—against the Slavs."

The Mayor found the 24-year-old Nazi charming. And Oehmke told Kennelly he was like a mayor "out of the movies."

Delegations to the City Hall demanding, housing, more relief and less police brutality, protesting fascist mob violence never get the kind of reception reserved for this "de-nazified" young Nazi. He found it "just like home."

## The Spotlight

### On Illinois Congressmen

**CHARLES W. VURSELL** (R-24th Dist) said that slum-clearance legislation was "typical socialistic legislation." (3-30-50)

**BARRATT O'HARA** (D-2nd Dist.) said that he and other Congressmen had been receiving from widely separated states "anonymous letters" and "anonyomus threats" with similar wordings against rent-control and housing legislation. He wondered if they had "a common source" in "the real-estate lobby." (4-3-50).

**EDWARD H. JENISON** (R-23d Dist) praised a 17-year-old high school girl who exressed the opinion that Americanism "is the right of the parent to chastise the child without fear of an armed policeman." She won a prize for her opinions, too. (4-3-50).

**HAROLD H. VELDE** (R-18th Dist.) felt that unions would appreciate legislation encouraging them to "demand" something new and extra-special of their bosses: namely to "demand" that their bosses fire "Communists" and "fellow-travellers," and workers in general considered to be engaging in "Communist activities." (4-4-50).

**SIDNEY R. YATES** (D-9th Dist.) pretended that the "working classes" were enjoying "high wages," while "great fortunes," on the other hand, have been "decreased." (4-4-50).

## Celotex Corp. Sued In Hospital Fire

CHICAGO.—The Celotex Corporation is named as a defendent in a suit for more than a million dollars in damages filed by counsel for victims and survivors of the Effingham Hospital fire, which took the lives of 77 April 4, 1949.

Acoustic brick, which the company represented as "fire retardent," but which proved inflammable is the basis of the charges against Celotex.

Illinois now has 9,444 mentally-ill persons at two state hospital-colonies, one in Dixon and the other in Lincoln.

# FE Prepares For Ingersoll Run-Off

CHICAGO.—Having held the combined assault of the Ingersoll Corp., in Roseland, and the raiders of the CIO United Automobile Workers, to a tie vote in an election, Local 139, UE-Farm Equipment Workers, prepared for a runoff on April 20. "After the defeats the UAW's raiders have been taking lately, particularly from FE-UE Locals 107 and 236, they were starved for a victory" declared the union's international vice-president William Smith. "Although Ingersoll is a comparatively small plant, the UAW needs it desperately to support their big push against FE-UE Local 101 in Harvester's main plant."

Thus Smith explained the total effort to capture the plant by the UAW which reportedly bought out one gateside saloon

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**LAST** Thursday's Labor Board election climaxed seven months of combined operations by the CIO and Ingersoll's management to destroy the Farm Equipment Workers Union which organized that notorious open shop.

Opening move was a fruitless attempt by Stanley Kotas, then president of FE-UE 139, to herd the membership into the CIO's United Steelworkers of America. Steel union authorization cards were lavishly distributed in the plant by Kotas but very few Ingersoll workers signed

The company, nevertheless, seized upon this pretext to arbitrarily break off all relationships with the FE-UE.

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**A THREE-HOUR**, plantwide stoppage to which Ingersoll workers resorted to compel recognition of their elected representatives, pushed the matter before the National Labor Relations Board.

With the company unable to produce proof that enough of its employes wanted the CIO United Steelworkers, the UAW petitioned for a poll.

As the campaign to oust the FE-UE sharpened, Fred Owens, a key departmental steward, and several other loyal FE-UE men were summarily fired. UAW backers on the other hand were accorded the run of the plant.

Although all stops were pulled out on redbaiting early in the Ingersoll operation, UAW payrollers abandoned that tactic as ineffective two weeks before the balloting began.

"Although there are plenty of workers at Ingersoll, as elsewhere, who have been duped into believing that the CIO is still a company-fighting organization, campaigns like this are making them look at the record," UE-FE vice-president Smith pointed out.

# Notables Hail Attorney Hart

CHICAGO.—More than 350 persons, including a galaxy of outstanding civic figures, joined here last week in paying tribute to Pearl Hart on her 60th birthday. Miss Hart is a prominent woman attorney and chairman of the Midwest Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born, which sponsored the dinner at the Bismarck Hotel.

Speakers lauding Miss Hart's long career as a defender of the underprivileged and champion of civil rights included Municipal Court Judge Samuel Heller, Miss Harriet Vittum, retired head of Northwestern Settlement House; Sidney Williams, executive secretary, Chicago Urban League; William Miller, state director, Progressive Party; Lillian Herstein, leader in the Chicago Federation of Labor, Rev. Clarence Parker, state president, Civil Rights Congress, and H. Ritman, attorney.

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**MOVING** tributes were also given by Katherine Hyndman, of Gary, and Vincent Andrulis, an editor of the Lithuanian Daily Vilnis, both of whom are victims of the present deportation hysteria and being defended by Miss Hart.

Abner Greer executive secretary, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, presented a gift to the woman lawyer on behalf of the national organization.

**A highlight was the presentation by Mildred Treffman, secretary of the Midwest committee, of a painting of Miss Hart, which was unveiled by Edna Wolfe Henner, the artist.**

Master of ceremonies for the occasion was Studs Terkel, well-known radio disc jokey.

**AFTER** a rising ovation from the dinner guests, Miss Hart hit out at the current hysteria and attacks on civil rights and the foreign born.

"In today's climate, Thomas Jefferson would be Public Enemy No. 1," she charged.

**Explaining her association with the Committee to Protect Foreign Born for 19 years, Miss Hart said, "Attacks against the foreign born inevitably lead to attacks on the naturalized citizen, and these have begun."**

She hit at Sen. Karl Mundt, author of the Mundt police state bill, declaring that "many people are facing jail or deportation because they insist on the American right to disagree."

# Show 'Without Prejudice,' New Soviet Film Debunking Racism

CHICAGO.—"Without Prejudice", a new Russian film which debunks the theory of "inferior races," will be presented for the first time here in four showings, sponsored by the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

The hero of the film, the well known Russian scientist Nikolai Miklukha-Miklai, lived in New Guinea from 1871 to 1884 and devoted his life gathering evidence to disprove the theory of "inferior" and "superior" races.

The second feature is "The Roosevelt Story", an American film which will be shown in commemoratiion of the late President Roosevelt's death in April 1945.

Showings of these films were scheduled as follows: Fri. April 14 at People's Auditorium, 2457 W. Chicago; Sat. April 15, at Union Baptist Church, 940 N. Orleans St.; Sun. April 16 at the Progressive Hall, Room 11, 306 E. 43rd St.; and Mon. April 17 at the South Side Community Art Center, 3831 S. Michigan Ave.—all at 7:30 p.m.

# Support the CTA WAge Boost!

**To the People of Chicago:**

**The transit workers have asked for a wage increase—and the counter-proposal of the bankers who run the Chicago Transit Authority is a wage cut.**

**The working people of Chicago will have to come into this fight on the side of the CTA employes.**

**Wages on the CTA range from $1.15 an hour up to $1.65 for operators of one-man cars and buses.**

**Many people mistakenly believe that the recent outrageous increase in fares was necessitated by wage increases. Nothing is further from the truth.**

**There was a wage increase last fall, but it was less than one-third as large as that claimed by the CTA heads when they were putting across the fare steal.**

**Actually the take-home pay of the transit worker has been cut drastically by the cutting of the six-day week to a five-day week.**

**The high-handed CTA Board, which is only concerned about paying the bankers the fantastic interest charges, has betrayed the transit workers as they have the riders.**

**The board is, in effect, threatening to raise fares again if the workers win a wage increase.**

**This time, the CTA bankers must be defeated. United action of the transit workers and the people of Chicago can win this justified wage increase. And it can prevent a fare boost—as well as laying the basis for reduced fares through ousting the transit barons by state legislation.**

**This time, the people must win!**

**To the Chicago Transit Workers:**

**YOU DESERVE full support in your fight for a 15-cent-an-hour wage increase. In fact, you carry the ball for all of labor in your fight to defeat the dastardly move of the CTA to put through a "package" wage cut of five cents an hour.**

**Your reduced pay check today is the result of a double betrayal. You are the victims of the CTA bankers who "used" you in order to put over their fare increase. They cut your take-home pay. And they have since laid off hundreds of transit workers through their treacherous "economies" which have only cut essential services for the transit riders who are paying sky-high fares.**

**Secondly, you need to re-examine the role of the leaders of your union, the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employes.**

**In the hearings on the fare boost last fall, these union officials gave the most damaging testimony against the people of Chicago. They backed up the CTA bankers all the way.**

**Mr. O. David Zimring, attorney for your union, testified that "higher fares will bring wages and more security for transit employes, as well as better service for the riders."**

**He was dead wrong on every count—as was Joseph J Kehoe, president of the Street Carmen's Local.**

**Your fight to stop a cut in hourly wages, in vacation and sick-leave pay can be won. Your fight for a wage increase can be won.**

**But it will be won with the people on your side—against the transit barons who have turned the CTA into a lucrative swindle at the expense of the workers and the riders.**

# Anti-Semitic Sheets Get Big Coca Cola Ads

**Americans who put down their nickels for the "pause that refreshes" may unwittingly be helping to "refresh" the treasury of an anti-Semitic Ku Klux Klan hate-sheet. For, according to the publication, Opinion, A Journal of Jewish Life and Letters, two Ku Klux-ish papers, papers, Parson Jack and Johnson's Georgia Tribune are being supported by national advertising from the Coca-Cola Co.**

The Klan is violently anti-Catholic, as is well known; and Coca-Cola boss James A. Farley is probably the most prominent Catholic layman in America.

But both Farley and the Klan are notoriously pro-fascist and anti-Communist.

And, declares Joseph Brainin in Opinion (in his article, A Call To Action; The Rebirth of Oragnized Anti-Semitism work in America): "... the Klan has also intensified its anti-Semitic work in accordance with the Merwin K. Hart formula of indentifying Jews with Communists."

HART, the head of the pro-fascist National Economic Council, claims to have discovered "atomic anti-Semitism", according to Brainin. For "why revive the dusty, discredited legend of the "Elders of Zion", when one can make the absurd story of a Zionist-Communist alliance palatable to big business?"

"Never before (except possibly at the very height of the Hitler regime)" declared Brainin, "has so much money been spent in America for the production and distribution of literature directed against the Jews."

"Over $1,000,000 was collected by the leading bigots in a 12-month period," the annual survey of race prejudice made public by the Anti-Defamation League last week disclosed.

Merwin Hart's outfit got "at least $140,000" in 1949, the League reported; Gerald L. K. Smith "more than $150,000"; Gerald Winrod, "about $100,000"; Upton Close, $50,000; Joseph P. Kamp, $50,000 and Allan Zoll, former fund-raiser for both Hart and Kamp, $40,000.

"Fifty-seven anti-Semitic organizations were active in 1949", according to the League.

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WARNING AGAINST "indifference" being shown by Jewish organizations and the concentration of "virtually" all attention on the new state of Israel, Brainin explains that people must not be lulled because:

"In the past few years anti-Jewish feeling has no longer manifested itself through the relatively petty means of physical violence or destruction of property (the short-range anti-Semitic policy), but has entered the pseudo-respectable phase of natonwide 'education' (the long-rang policy of anti-Semitism)."

The Peekskill riots of last summer, Brainin says, marked a return to this "short-range policy.

Financing this "education" in fascist anti-Semitism, by contributions to Hart's organization, Brainin declares, is a roster of major corporations and prominent individuals, including Lammot duPont; Union Carbide; Gulf Oil; Empire State Building Corp.; American Cyanid; Mohawk Carpet Mills; ex-Senator Albert Hawkes and John J. Raskob.

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THE WALL STREETERS pay for the dissemination of such poison as the following excerpts from Hart's news-letter:

"The fact is that Zionists and Communist influence (at times the one is stronger, at times the other—frequently they work together) has dictated and controlled practically all moves of American foreign policy since 1933". Substituting the name "Zionist" for "Jew", Hart goes on to say that "these forces dictated the setting up of the UNRA under the control, first of Zionist Herbert H. Lehman and second, of Zionist LaGuardia."

Brainin lists many other anti-Semitic hate sheets. Rapping the "irresponsible action" of the leaders of the American Jewish Committee and others who participated along with Hart and other anti-Semites in the "All-America Conference to Fight Communism" last January he called for "unity" and "vigilant and militant defense" to stem the "rising tide of anti-Jewish feeling."



ASKS RIGHT OF ASYLUM: Mrs. Eleanor Wheeler joins with her husband in asking Czechoslovakia to grant them a haven. George S. Wheeler (left) and Jiri Hronek, secretary of the International Organization of Journalists, pictured last week in Prague.

# Americans to Stay In Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE.—Two years ago an American journalist and economist came here to study. Now he asks that the Czechoslovak government grant him and his family a haven here as a political refugee. He is youngish looking 42-year-old George S. Wheeler of Rollingway, Wash., wartime economist in the U. S. War Department, postwar head of the denazification branch and policy chief for the labor office in the American Zone of Germany.

In announcing his decision to a meeting of journalists here he said: "I came to know Czechoslovakia well. I became acquainted with her people, her endeavors and her constructive efforts . . . and I also got to know real democracy.

"Today I am casting up accounts—comparing an America of Wall Street, Truman and Acheson, warmongers and atomic gangsters with the earnest efforts of Czechoslovakia to strengthen the peace front. . . . I declare before the world that I condemn and repudiate the war policy of American imperialism. I want to have nothing in common with the Gestapo methods of American policy. . . . I place myself proudly in the camp of peace and progress. I ask the Czechoslovak government to grant asylum to me and to my family and to give me the possibility of offering our training and knowledge to the world fight for peace."

# this is capitalism

## War's a Blessing to Capitalism

BOSTON.—When Communists and others says that capitalism needs and incites wars, they are reviled as "foreign agents." But Boston Globe business columnist T.G.M. admits: "War, of course, is the great alleviative to any economic problem with its astronomical consumption of goods while at the same time it draws manpower heavily away from the labor force."

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## Who Gets Rooked on Taxes? Right!

DETROIT.—Chrysler, Ford, Hudson, Kaiser-Frazer, Burroughs Adding Machine and other industrial giants got millions in tax cuts courtesy of the city treasurer. Chrysler got an $18,481,600 cut in 'personal property' assessment, saving $700,000 in taxes. The Michigan edition of The Worker, which owns all of five battered typewriters and some old desks, got a tax increase!

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## Not His Fault, But He Has to Pay

LOCKHART, Texas.—William Hagedorn, 77-year-old farmer, has to pay $3,126.84 plus costs as "damages" to a couple whose car went off the road near his farm to avoid hitting a mule. But the mule wasn't Hagedorn's, and the first court which held the old man responsible, on the plaintiff's say-so, never even notified Hagedorn to appear. The Texas Supreme Court finally ruled that the mule wasn't Hagedorn's all right, but he'd have to pay the $3,126.84 plus, anyhow, because he hadn't been "diligent in protecting his rights." The sum is far more than foreign-born Hagedorn has saved all his life. Ain't capitalist justice wonderful?

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## Sinclair Oil's Biggest Take

NEW YORK.—The Sinclair Oil Corp. has announced a net profit for 1949 of $54,073,338, after first deducting $5,000,000 for "possible losses in foreign exploratory operations." The take marked the company's second highest in its history.

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## 32 Living in One Room

DENVER.—A Denver census-taker found 32 persons living in one tiny five-room house, toolshed and garage. The household included a railroad laborer, his wife, 11 unmarried children, five married daughters, their husbands and nine grandchildren.

# Children, Above All, Loved Woodson

## MAN WHO PIONEERED STUDY OF NEGRO HISTORY INSPIRED MILLIONS

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON.—Of all the honors he ever won, Dr. Carter Woodson cherished most the home-made scroll presented him by some Washington school children, his friends.

For Dr. Woodson, the son of former slaves, coal miner, teacher, author, and one of the all time great historians in the land, cherished children as much as they loved him.

They surrounded him, bouncing and shouting, whenever he walked the streets around his office in the vast jimcrow ghetto of the capital city. He sought their company, filling them with stories of the Negro lore he had accumulated in his mind and books for 40 years.

Mainly through his tireless work over those years, he inculcated his love for history, his burning desire to search out the truth about his people, into the minds of his children. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, followed him. They became diggers for the truth in the life and history of the Negro people.

When he died in his small apartment over his office on April 3, the world lost a gentle giant, a modern day John Henry and Paul Bunyon.

Almost singlehandedly, this straight-backed, strong-faced man resurrected his people's lost history, the buried legends of their struggles for freedom.

He was filled with a purpose as great as the strength of the two legendary giants. With his quick, retentive, orderly mind he plowed up the neglected facts about his people's history and set out their contributions to the world for the world to see and to use against those who would enslave Negroes and other peoples.

His genius as an organizer guided the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. And as its director he founded the authoritative Journal of Negro History, for historians and researchers, and later the Negro History Bulletin, for school children and teachers.

As an author, he was prolific. He produced eight books, hundreds of articles, several surveys, and for the last six-years had been writing a six volume Encyclopedia Africana.

When he found that few publishers would print his books, or other books about the Negro people, he founded the Associated Publishers "to make possible the publication and circulation of valuable books on the Negro not acceptable to most publishers."

He learned early that the rich money grubbing class had no use for his efforts to develop historical research and bring its results to the people.

The wealthy tried to wreck his campaign. But the working people rallied to his support—in the heart of the depression. The Association has been financially stable since then.

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Largely through his efforts, the nation today celebrates Negro History Week every February. He organized the campaign to dramatize the achievements of the Negro people. Later he said, the creation of that week "exposed the bias in textbooks, bared the prejudice of teachers, and compelled" treating the Negro people in history as other people are treated.

Dr. Woodson would have been 75 on Dec. 19. For 40 years of his life he dug in the rich veins of history just as he dug coal in Fayette county, West Virginia to earn enough money to go to high school.

Those years in the pits, and his earlier years on a Virginia farm helping his parents, tied him to the working class. He never lost those ties. They could not be cut, no matter how vicious the attacks against him were. And they were vicious in 1919 when he maintained sympathy for the Russian working people and their goal of Socialism. In recent years, he still insisted that the drive of oppressed people throughout the world toward Socialism was just, necessary—and inevitable. He saw it coming in China and Africa and was glad.



DR. CARTER WOODSON

# 10-Week Fight Opens To Renew Rent Lids

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lord lobby. Spokesmen for this group have repeatedly sought blanket increases ranging from 25 to 50 percent. They have declared publicly that rents should be pegged higher than 150 percent of pre-war levels!

Severest hit, should rent control be defeated, would be the Negro population, already locked in bitter struggle with rent-gouging landlords. The inadequate protection offered under the existing law would be wiped out, leaving more than a quarter of a million Negro Chicagoans to the mercy of ghetto landlords and race-hating real estate operators.

AIDING the landlords' drive for higher rents is the sabotage of new low-cost public housing by Mayor Kennelly, abetted by aldermen who are openly serving the rent profiteers.

In Washington, imminence of the rent crisis has hardly affected the congressional calendar of war appropriations and red - hunting with which the politicians have busied themselves. While foes of rent control have taken over newspaper headlines with predictions of its death after June 30, Administartion spokesmen have done little to guarantee its victory.

A bill to continue the present rent law, introduced by Illinois Congressman Adolph Sabath, has been termed "weak, and inadequate," by friends of rent control.

ANOTHER proposal by Reps. Brent Spencer (D-Ky) and Barratt O'Hara, (D-Ill) would "compromise" the law, providing for state option to substitute the federal law with local measures. This bill has been described as a retreat from the principle of strong federal protection by organized tenant groups in Chicago, New York, and other sections of the country.

Critical of congressional delay on the issue, the Chicago Tenant Action Council and other civic and labor groups have called on Illinois senators and congressmen to take immediate steps to insure a strong rent measure.

To prevent the threatening catastrophe of de-control the groups have proposed a 3-point program which includes: (a) adoption of state and local laws banning evictions for the duration of the housing emergency; (b) a state law enabling local rent control; and (c) a strengthened federal measure.

To win this program, one spokesman declared, "we must have an avalanche of letters and delegations to officials at every level of government.

"It's either action by the people now," he concluded, "or a landlords' holiday after June 30."

## Ill. Assembly May Get Push-Button Roll-Call

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—The next session of the Illinois Legislature may find a mechanized roll-call system in operation, with push buttons replacing the lengthy procedure of verbal "Ayes" and "Nays."

A special committee was to submit plans to the attorney general this week for the installation of a $72,000 electrical vote recorder.

## what's on

### CHICAGO

"WITHOUT PREJUDICE," new Russian film, and "The Roosevelt Story." Double film feature, April 15. Union Baptist Missionary Church, 340 E. Oakwood Blvd. 7:30 p.m. Auspices, Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

HAIL, SCHOLSON CONCERT. Board of Jewish Education Bldg., Recreation Hall, 72 E. 11th St. Also Jewish People's Chorus and Big Bill Broonzy. Saturday, April 22, 8:15 p.m.

"BREAD AND BUTTER Conference on Child Welfare. Saturday and Sunday, April 15-16. Hull House, 800 S. Halsted St. Conference will prepare program to be presented to President Truman at annual White House Conference.

"WITHOUT PREJUDICE," new Russian film, and "The Roosevelt Story." Double film feature, Sunday, April 16. Progressive Hall, 500 E. 43rd St. Second Floor. 7:30 p.m. Donation 50c. Auspices Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

LAST CHANCE to see great new Russian film "Wilhelm Pieksliss." Last showing, Monday, April 17 at South Side Community Art Center, 3831 S. Michigan. Has also "The Roosevelt Story." 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

THE JEWISH PEOPLE in Poland today. Movies taken in Europe and discussion by Boris Goldberg, just returned. 3420 W. Roosevelt Rd., Liberty Hall. 8:15 p.m. Thursday, April 20. Sponsored by 24th ward, Progressive Party. Admission free. Refreshments.

"LONG VOYAGE HOME." John Ford's film presentation of Eugene O'Neill's play. Starring John Wayne, Thomas Mitchell, Barry Fitzgerald. Saturday, April 22, 9:30 p.m. Esther Hall, Jewish People's Institute, 3500 W. Douglas Blvd. Sponsored by Thomas Jefferson Chapter, AYC. Admission 25c.

TWENTIETH JUBILEE of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order, IWO. Sunday, April 23. Orchestra Hall, 220 S. Michigan, 2:30 p.m. Paul Robeson, guest artist, "Score for Progress," dramatic narration, Federal Labor Chorus, JPFO Choral Society and Children's Chorus of JPFO schools. Also Rubin Saltzman, General Secretary, and leader, JPFO. Tickets, $2.50, $1.85, $1.25, 90c. Available at JPFO office, 64 W. Randolph. AN 3-2660.

"CRAFTSMEN and "The Lower Depths." Two of the greatest Russian films featuring leading artists of the Moscow Art Theatre. Presented by Stanley Book Store and Chicago Worker's School as fourth monthly forum. Sunday, April 23. Woodlawn Women Union, International Relations Center, 1155 E. Madison. 8 p.m. Donation 60c.

MAY DAY Rally for Peace. Largest Rose Bowl in Chicago Stadium. Thursday, April 20. Auspices Chicago May Day Committee in cooperation with other groups. Speakers, entertainment. Admission 25c.


**20th Jubilee** Jewish People's Fraternal Order IWO

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 — 2:30 P.M.

ORCHESTRA HALL, 224 S. Michigan Ave.

*PROGRAM:*

PAUL ROBESON

*Dramatic Narration* "SCORE FOR PROGRESS"

FEDERAL LABOR CLEF GLEE CLUB

WM. E. HEISER, Director

"CLUB METROS" RUSSIAN DANCERS

RUBIN SALTZMAN, *Founder and General Sec'y, JPFO*

JEWISH PEOPLE'S CHORAL SOCIETY

LOLA HAND, Director

CHILDREN'S CHORUS OF JPFO SCHOOLS

TICKETS: $2.50, $1.85, $1.25 and 90¢

Tickets available at 64 W. Randolph — JPFO office AN 3-2660


## Money Talks

### FUND DRIVE FACTS

Since our last venture into print, our lack of sympathy with "hard luck" stories has caused us to be likened to the villain in the old-time flickers who unhesitatingly foreclosed the mortgage on the old homestead in the teeth of a howling blizzard. We have been alternately vilified and cajoled. However, we remain completely unmoved. We will continue to call 'em the way we see 'em. And if the results don't look good in cold type let's change the results, not the typist.

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SECTION STANDINGS

| Section | Goal | Turned in | Percent |
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| SHOCK BRIGADERS: | | | |
| 1. Johnstone | $ 3,300 | $1,840 | 50 |
| 2. Loop | 10,000 | 4,815 | 48 |
| GOOD WORKERS: | | | |
| 1. Packing | 1,200 | 443 | 37 |
| 2. Cacchione | 6,500 | 2,315 | 36 |
| 3. 9 South | 1,000 | 345 | 35 |
| 4. West Side | 6,500 | 2,224 | 34 |
| 5. Steel | 2,500 | 817 | 33 |
| 6. Lieber | 1,500 | 485 | 32 |
| SUB-PAR PRODUCERS: | | | |
| 1. Hyde Park | 2,200 | 670 | 30 |
| 2. 9 North | 2,200 | 590 | 27 |
| 3. Southwest | 3,000 | 775 | 26 |
| LAGGARDS | | | |
| 1. Central | 1,200 | 230 | 21 |
| 2. 12th C.D. | 5,400 | 1,016 | 19 |
| 3. Crafts | 3,800 | 710 | 19 |
| 4. Southern | 1,500 | 154 | 15 |
| 5. Parsons | 3,700 | 572 | 15 |
| 6. Southeast | 3,700 | 523 | 14 |
| 7. South Side | 3,500 | 328 | 9 |

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SOME interesting things are revealed by the table. Most sections have moved forward since last week. JOHNSTONE and LOOP, however, are the only remaining 'shock brigaders.' STEEL fell way behind, was passed up by PACKING, CACCHIONE and WEST SIDE, all of which are moving forward in determined fashion. Moved perhaps by our caustic comment, both 12th C.D. and PARSONS have begun to show signs of life. At best these are only first stirrings, however, since they both remain behind to adorn the LAGGARDS category. SOUTHEAST, despite comforting assurances, has also done little.

CRAFTS, while still 'way behind, is our favorite to leap ahead in the next week. Having taken a look at itself and come away chastened CRAFTS shows real signs of activity, based on a political evaluation of what laggardism means to the fight to defeat the Mundt bill, to the defense of "The 12," to the appeal of Comrade Gene Dennis. How about the same approach, you other LAGGARDS?

—all out to the May Day meeting—

IT'S NOT too early to be thinking of how you plan to spend Saturday evening, May 20th. On that evening will take place the banquet honoring Comrade Alfred Wagenknecht's continued yeoman service in the cause of socialism over a span of 30 years. It will be a real honor to be present to honor 'Wag.'

All members of the Century Club and Fifty-for-Fifty Club who have fulfilled their pledges by May 15th will be honored guests. All clubs which have completed their quotas May 15th will be entitled to send one elected representative to the banquet.

Those who remember last year's affair will certainly be striving to make it again this year. Invitations will soon be circulating to those who did the job.

—remember: Sunday, April 30th!—

# A Message to All Communists

## From the State Board and Education Department, Communist Party of Illinois

Comrade Foster in his letter to the recent meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party, stated: ". . . let me once again stress what I consider to be the greatest of all the weaknesses of the Party, namely, its lack of systematic theoretical work."

In seeking to overcome this weakness, the National Committee highlighted the fight for Marxist-Leninist ideology, pointing out in a major resolution that "a Party member who does not learn, who does not increase his Marxist-Leninist knowledge, cannot fulfill the role of a Communist." The meeting further pointed out that the battle of ideas is a vital part of the struggle of the working class against reaction.

Wall Street and its agents continually pour their poisonous ideas into the minds of the working class through the schools, the press, the radio, the films . . . ideas which retard the working class in its daily struggles as well as in its forward march to socialism, and which even seep into the ranks of our Party.

White chauvinism, anti-Semitism, justification for the "cold war" by developing an American conceit and sense of superiority over all other peoples, anti-Sovietism, identification of the interests of the American workers with the interests of Wall Street — these are only a few of the forms of their poison. They are trying to destroy gains in our democratic traditions, destroy our heritage of struggle for freedom, bury the history of the Negro people. The ideas of the ruling class must be defeated in the ranks of labor and the people's movement if we are to stop the drive toward war and fascism.

To accomplish this, we must overcome the contempt for theory which is a historical weakness of the American working class and which affects itself even in our Party.

With this in mind, the State Board of the Communist Party of Illinois calls on all its members to immediately take steps to strengthen themselves politically and ideologically by undertaking systematic study of Marxist-Leninist theory. One of the major instruments for such study is the Chicago Workers School. Its courses offer our members the best single avenue for year-round study of all major aspects of the science of Marxism. We therefore make the following proposals:

1. That all Clubs take immediate steps to mobilize its members to take courses at the school. The Spring Term opens April 17.

2. Every club should guarantee that all club leaders regularly attend the school.

3. Special steps should be taken to guarantee attendance for the courses on The Negro Question, the courses on ABC of Marxism, the course on the History of the Communist Party, USSR: Lessons for America, the course on the Theory and Practice of the United Front.

4. Section Committees should make special efforts to assure attendance of all Section Committee members, comrades who are active mass leaders in the shops, unions and mass organizations.

5. Section Committees and clubs should take steps to bring all party workers to the school by reaching them in the mass organizations of the people.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, State Executive Secretary,
DAVID ENGLESTEIN, State Education Director,
Communist Party of Illinois.

# Threaten to Switch Mundt Bill Action For FEPC in U.S. Senate

CHICAGO.—Sen. Scott W. Lucas was being bombarded with demands this week that the scheduled consideration of FEPC must not be substituted with action on the fascist-like Mundt-Ferguson Bill.

Such a maneuver was reported to be in the making this week, with a bipartisan coalition of Senate reactionaries preparing to force through the switch.

Lucas failed to state his opposition to the Mundt Bill to reporters in Washington who quoted Rep. Ferguson (R-Mich) that the Truman Administration is bucking the police state bill bill. Lucas retorted that the Michigan Congressman was "just talking politics."

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MEANWHILE, the Chicago Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill this week issued a statement urging protests to halt the proposed Senate maneuver.

"Sen. Lucas has been promising action on FEPC," a spokesman said, "and any deal to substitute the Mundt Bill would be a double betrayal of the American people."

The FEPC was on the Senate calendar for Monday, April 17. However, the measure may not be called if the Administration wants to give priority to Marshall Plan legislation.

## U. of C. Maroon Hits Mundt Bill

CHICAGO.—The Chicago Maroon, University of Chicago campus newspaper, last week called on students and faculty to speak out against the Mundt-Ferguson Bill. "This is the time for every member of the faculty and the Chancellor (Robert M. Hutchins) himself to speak out by endorsing Prof. Malcom Sharp's denunciation of the bill, now going the rounds," the Maroon editorial declared.

"There comes a time when it is the last chance to so speak. This might just be it."

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THE CAMPUS paper said that the bill is "tailor-made to give life-and-death power over any organization of Americans to the Sen. McCarthy-Rep. Rankin type of political demagog."

The MAROON urged that protests be sent to Senator Scott W. Lucas who "has the power to call it up or not as he sees fit."

"No student on this campus should fail to convey this sentiment to him, as well as Senator Paul Douglas," the editorial stated.

## Illinois Teachers Oppose Oaths

CHICAGO. — The AFL Illinois State Federation of Teachers will take a stand against the Mundt-Ferguson Bill, it was indicated this week. Action will be taken by the organization's legislative committee, it was learned from Mary Rutledge Wheeler of Oak Park, the committee's chairman and a national vice-president of the American Federation of Teachers.

"It's a bad bill," she told the Illinois Worker.

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MISS WHEELER also disclosed that the state teachers' federation has, in effect, warned the Illinois Legislature not to revive the fascist-like Broyles Bills which were defeated at the last session.

The annual state convention of the teachers' organization in Bloomington last week went on record against the kind of "non-Communist" oaths which were contained in the Broyles Bills.

The convention, which was made up of 100 delegates from 23 teachers union locals, declared opposition to any legislation "which would unnecessarily deny teachers the fundamental rights of American citizens." Miss Wheeler said that this action was specifically directed against the Broyles Bills.

In other actions, the teachers federation endorsed: (a) extension of social security to teachers; (b) federal aid to schools; (c) state legislation for the establishment of nursery schools.

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Population of Illinois welfare institutions is edging toward the 50,000 mark. On March 1, it reached the all-time peak of 48,708, an increase of 750 as compared with a year ago.

## PP to Name Ill. Slate at Parley

CHICAGO.—The Progressive Party of Illinois announced plans this week for its second state convention next Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 16 at the Packingsouse Labor Center, 49th and Wabash.

The keynote address will be delivered by Prof. Curtis D. MacDougall of Northwestern University, the Progressive candidate for U.S. Senator in the 1948 elections.

Business of the convention will include nomination of statewide candidates in the 1950 elections, adoption of a state platform for 1950 and the election of officers of the Progressive Party. Most important job of the convention will be the selection of the candidate for U.S. Senator.

As the convention call states: "The people of Illinois are looking for a suitable alternative to the twin Lucas-Dirksen candidacy chosen by the bi-partisan advocates of reaction and war. Our party is faced with the responsibility of choosing a people's candidate for U.S. Senate, as well as other important state posts."

Registration opens at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 15. Opening session—1 p.m.

### 106,000 Families Here Lack Decent Plumbing

CHICAGO. — Some 106,000 Chicago families are without a private bath, private flush toilet or running water, it was reported this week in a survey by the University of Chicago and the U. S. Census Bureau.

The survey also showed that 46 percent of the private homes in the city have mortgages.

### Chicago Painters Get 10c Boost

CHICAGO.—Wages of Chicago's 13,000 union painters were upped ten cents last week by agreement between contractors and the Chicago AFL District Painters' Council. The increase, which established scale at $2.47½ an hour, brings painters' pay closer into line with that of other building trades workers. Average for the trade is $2.50.


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## Mike Gold writes on France.

**The former Daily Worker columnist who recently returned from an extended stay in Europe begins a series of articles in The Worker this week. Turn to Page 3 of the Magazine Section for the first of this series —"*THIS* IS PARIS."**




# WHY WAS B-29 OVER USSR?

— See Page 3 —

## How the Czechs Celebrated Easter

PRAGUE. — As they do every year at Easter, people of this Socialist land marked two minutes of silence for peace . . . and for the war dead of all lands. This year the people of Czechoslovakia interrupted their work, paused at whatever they were doing in two minutes of reverent silence also for those fighting for freedom — in China, in Viet Nam, Malaya.

Prague's meeting was sponsored jointly by the Czechoslovak Red Cross and the Committee of the Defenders of Peace and held at the House of Artists under the slogan: "Fight for Peace; for happy homes of working people!" Dr. Oldrich John, chairman of the National Assembly, which corresponds to the U. S. Congress, represented the President of the Republic at the ceremonies. Cabinet ministers, Mayor Vacek of Prague, members of the diplomatic corps of the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia's neighboring democracies also attended.



The photo shows (left to right): Mrs. H. Sverma, vice chairman of the National Assembly; Mrs. Oldrich John; Dr. John; and Gen. Alois Vicharek, chairman of the Red Cross.

# Fight Against Mundt Bill Sweeps Across Indiana

The Indiana State Industrial Union Council, the State Board of the NAACP, the District 9 Convention of the UE-FE covering Northern Indiana and Michigan, the Lake County PAC Conference of all CIO Unions, the Progressive Party, the Civil Rights Congress are among the many organizations in Indiana on record against the Mundt-Nixon Bill.

The State Industrial Union Council, in a newsletter to all CIO affiliates, urged action to defeat the bill, terming it "another hysterical stab in the dark" whose terms "are so sweeping that all types of groups might be caught in its meshes."

The District 9 Convention of UE-FE, in addition to a resolution condemning the bill, voted to raise funds in every shop for delegations to Washington to bring pressure on Senators and Congressmen. Local 112 in South Bend had such a shop-wide collection to which the majority of the workers contributed at least a dollar and elected two workers on the delegation.

In Gary, an overflow meeting of the largest CIO Steel Local 1014 at the Gary Works of U.S. Steel unanimously voted to send wires to Indiana Senators Capehart and Jenner and Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas demanding defeat of the Mundt-Nixon police state bill.

In Indianapolis the Progressive Party sent out a mailing of 500 of the pamphlet "Hey Brother" issued by the National Committee to Defeat the Mundt-Nixon Bill. The Chevrolet Local of UAW instructed its executive Board to prepare a petition to circulate in the shop. Democratic Representative Judson Haggerty issued a statement in opposition to the bill.

The Communist Party of Indiana distributed hundreds of copies of the special Daily Worker issue on the Mundt-Ferguson Bill to steel workers in Gary and East Chicago, auto workers in South Bend and Indianapolis, electrical workers in Fort Wayne and South Bend. In addition local leaflets have been issued.

In Gary, where unemployment among Negro youth and Negro women is a critical problem, a leaflet was issued by the Central District Club pointing out that under cover of attacking only the Communist Party, "Big Business is trying to take away everybody's right to speak and fight for better conditions" and urging a campaign for passage of a real FEPC Bill and defeat of the Mundt Bill.

## "OFF WITH HER HEAD—TO SAVE HER FROM THE REDS!" —By Mac




# CRC Wins Release of Framed Mexican Youths

GARY.—The Civil Rights Congress scored a victory in obtaining the release from the state penal farm of two unemployed Mexican youths who were unjustly sentenced to seven months on a charge of "malicious destruction of property." Their fine was set at $210 each which was to be worked out on the penal farm at the rate of $1.00 per day.

On the same day that these two youths were given this unusually high fine others arrested for drunken driving, bootlegging, etc., were given fines ranging from $10 to $35. Their trial before Judge Pro-Tem Narcovich was a farce in that one of the youths does not understand English and they were not defended by counsel. Regular judge of the City Court John Ruberto set their bail at $100 each which was posted by the Civil Rights Congress pending appeal before a higher court.

The CRC interpreted this unusually high fine as an attack on the Mexican, Negro and Puerto Rican community where there is growing unemployment, especially among the youth. They saw in this an effort to terrorize minorities from fighting for jobs and relief.

When representatives of the CRC served the court order for the release of the two youths they were told by authorities of the state penal farm at Putnamville that one of the youths was wanted by the Immigration and Naturalization Service office in Hammond for deportation to Mexico. The Immigration Service office in Cincinnati ordered the sheriff from Green Castle to take the youth to the Lake County jail in Crown Point where he is now being held. Bail has been set at $500.

The CRC is planning a mass campaign against the terrorizing of the Mexican community where Mexican workers are rounded up for deportation as soon as they are laid off from local steel mills.

This is the second local case which the CRC has taken up this year. In January the organization took up the case of a 17-year-old Negro youth who was framed on a charge of accosting a white woman. He is out on bail and awaiting a new trial.

# Fight for Peace--Defeat Mundt Bill

*AN EDITORIAL*

**THE CAPITALIST CLASS** is worried. Plenty worried. They would like to start a war. Not a war which would help the people, but a war in which they would get richer while millions of us would get slaughtered.

**BUT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE IN THE REST OF THE WORLD DO NOT WANT WAR, THEY WANT PEACE!**

The Italian and French workers told their capitalist class to go to hell, that they would not fight and die to make them richer. The French dock workers are today throwing guns and ammunition from Wall Street into the ocean.

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**MILLIONS OF AMERICANS** in all walks of life are more and more speaking out for the banning of the H-bomb and the atom bomb. They demand peace!

This scares the warmongers.

The twin parties of Wall Street, the Democratic and Republican parties are trying to stop this peace talk. So they pour out lie after lie on how the Russians are out to get us. Hitler and the German capitalist class did the same thing.

**THE REAL TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS A SOCIALIST WORKERS GOVERNMENT AND ITS POLICY IS ONE OF PEACE, BECAUSE PEACE IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE WORKERS AND COMMON PEOPLE THE WORLD OVER.**

Our own great Eugene V. Debs spoke a lasting truth when he said: "The capitalist class is the only class that makes war."

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**THE AMERICAN PEOPLE** are not only against war, but are also concerned about the depression. Already over 5,000,000 are unemployed and more are losing their jobs every day. The Negro people are demanding that the Truman Administration keep its election promises on civil rights. Labor is still demanding that the Taft-Hartley law be repealed. These and other demands of the workers are worrying Big Business. They are scared stiff that the workers and the people are going to catch up with their lies and unkept promises.

They answer these demands of the workers with the Mundt Bill. (Republicans and Democrats in a Senate Committee approved the Mundt Bill by a vote of 12 to 1.) They say the aim of the Mundt Bill is to drive "the Communists out into the open." This is a lie.

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**THE REAL AIM** of this bill is to stop the growing peace movement, defeat the demands of the Negro people, outlaw the Communist Party, smash the democracy we still have and to wreck and make ineffective the labor movement. In other words, the passage of the Mundt-Nixon Bill would be a step, a very big step toward fascism and war. ★

**A SMASHING DEFEAT** for the Mundt Bill will be a defeat for the capitalist warmakers and a victory for the people and peace. It will help the fight of the steel, auto and other workers for higher wages and better pensions and insurance plans. It will aid the struggle for a real FEPC and for the repeal of Taft-Hartley.

It is your duty as a worker and a fighter for peace and democracy to protest and fight against this anti-labor fascist bill.

**THE MUNDT BILL MUST AND WILL BE DEFEATED!**
**PASS FEPC—DEFEAT THE MUNDT BILL!**
**OUTLAW THE H-BOMB—DEFEAT THE MUNDT BILL!**
**REPEAL TAFT-HARTLEY—DEFEAT THE MUNDT BILL!**
**FIGHT FASCISM AND WAR—DEFEAT THE MUNDT BILL!**

# Speedup Hits Chevy Workers

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—Chevrolet workers were faced with a new wave of speedup last week as General Motors intensified its drive for more and more production. Twenty-eight reprimands were handed out on one line for not making production. It is reported that over 100 reprimands were given in less than one week.

In addition the company is forcing the men to work 60 minutes out of the hour with inadequate relief men. On some lines it is reported that the workers are being forced to make up the downtime.

Chevy workers are asking themselves what happened in the base rate dispute. One man was fired and seven given indefinite layoffs for failure to make the inhuman production standards the company set. After a strike vote was taken, union and management arrived at an agreement for the reinstatement of the eight men. But nothing was agreed to on back pay for the men, what the production standard should be in the base rates and all other lines.

Negotiations between G.M. and the UAW have been opened with the union presenting demands for a 30 cent wage hike; $125 a month pension; health and welfare benefits; an FEPC clause; and safeguard against speed-up.

# Gary, So. Bend Mark May Day

Two big May Day celebrations are scheduled for northern Indiana.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, and Claude Lightfoot, Executive Secretary of the Communist Party of Illinois, will speak at both gatherings. They will appear in South Bend on April 28 and at the Cooperative Hall at 1548 Broadway in Gary on April 29.

# Fight Speedup At Oliver Co.

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—At Oliver Corporation, makers of farm equipment, a fierce struggle is in progress between the company and the membership of Local 112, FE-UE, over the elementary right of collective bargaining.

Here the management consistently violates the contract, cuts wages in one department after another and is embarked on a genuine union-busting expedition. Warehouse workers have been cut from $2 per hour to $1.08. Piece workers are being cut daily and ordered to handle two or three different jobs. Higher classification workers are paid 15 percent below the scale, while as many as 200 pay shortages sometimes occur on one payday with the company refusing to discuss repayment.

Oliver workers are not taking this lying down. More than 15 meetings were held in one week to discuss the grievances. A strike vote has been demanded and will be held, doubtless. Members and leaders are solidly united in their determination to preserve their local and the workers' gains in the shop, in the face of all company attempts to split the membership and open up old factional sores.

As one worker expressed it at a recent meeting, "We're not going back to 10 or 12 years ago and 50 cents an hour. Let's vote 100 percent for a strike vote," while a Negro worker pointed out the local had struck for four months in 1946 and could do it again and win.

# Redbaiting Hysteria Hits YWCA

SOUTH BEND. — A flagrant violation of the right of free speech as well as a striking example of the "cold war" mentality in our public school system was the banning here several weeks ago of YPA meetings at the YWCA, at the behest of school officials and other well-camouflaged elements who inspired a flurry of hysterical press headlines aimed at destroying the Young Progressives' organization.

Ostensible target of the attack was Perry Rosenstein, a YPA organizer, who had participated in a meeting of nearly 30 Central High School students at the YWCA. Stooges for reactionary forces in this city used this meeting to red-bait Rosenstein and the YPA in the South Bend Tribune, the only daily paper here, and in the South Bend Journal, a free weekly.

As a result of the lies and distortions in the press, Rosenstein and his wife were asked to vacate their rented living quarters, and Mrs. Rosenstein lost her job. Only the Tribune printed a brief resume of the YPA program. The YWCA board met and refused permission to YPA to hold any further meetings at the hall.

School officials intimidated YPA members, Negro and white, while the faculty was gathered to discuss ways and means of combatting "left-wing influences" in school life.

But the real target of the vicious attack on YPA was peace and all that peace today implies: civil rights, an end to Jim Crow discrimination, a fight for jobs for youth, the right to free speech and free assembly.

The YPA has issued a detailed letter pointing out what the real program of YPA is and how the press and school officials lied. The Progressive Party here is issuing a widely-distributed statement protesting the YPA ban as a product of hysterical witchhunting and unreasoning hysteria. Such a ban is illegal, unjust and dangerous. It is thought control. It is the spirit of the Mundt-Nixon bill in action."

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# Hit Steel Speedup

## Locals Demand Convention Act

Walkouts of steelworkers in widely scattered plants throughout the country against intolerable speedup conditions have sharply put the focus on the issue of belly-crawling versus fighting policies in the steel union leadership.

Work crews are being cut; the remaining men are pushed to put out far more than before; tonnage and incentive rates are cut; individual workers are ordered to do the work of two men; foremen are becoming more arrogant.

In the face of this boss-onslaught union officials keep telling the workers there is nothing they can do about it. Despite this "advice," workers take organized strike action, as the stories on this page show, and are able at times to force the companies to back down.

This unbearable situation must be changed. Information at hand shows that a number of steel locals throughout the country have adopted resolutions for the coming steel union convention aimed at bringing these changes about.

The adopted resolutions include:

1. No changes in work loads, tonnage or incentive rates without the approval of the workers concerned and the union.

2. Rescind the no-strike clause from all contracts.

3. For memberships' right to strike vote and ratification of contracts.

4. Condemn U. S. Steel's failure to facilitate hiring of 5th step grievance arbitrator as "breach of good faith" and for militant union action to compel company to so do.

### Local Demands Right To Vote on Strikes

LOS ANGELES. — Steel Local 1845 at the Bethlehem Steel plant here has voted to ask the union's next convention to direct union-wide membership votes on all questions of strikes and settlements.

The local declared that before contracts, such as settled the recent steel strike, are signed the membership should get a chance to vote on acceptance.

### To Issue Material On Pensions, Welfare

Responding to many inquiries out of widespread dissatisfaction with the welfare and pension settlement in the steel industry, the Lake County Communist Party at Gary, Indiana, has undertaken a study and analysis of this problem.

Anyone interested in receiving a copy of these materials can do so by writing to Frank Mucci, rm. 5, 1088 Broadway, Gary, Indiana.

## Hammond

HAMMOND, Ind.—There's been a camel with a bad back walking around the American Steel Foundry plant here for months, and the company finally applied that straw which broke his back.

The straw turned out to be an attempt to make an oldtimer do the work of two men. He refused, and the company fired him. Whereupon all of the men, boiling over because of a mountain of unsolved grievances, walked off the job.

The international union called an emergency meeting through its stooge, local president Stanley Bigda, in order to force the men to go back to work. But the workers insisted on a strike vote, and forced it through. Only one man out of 600 at the meeting voted to go back to work. The stooge quickly adjourned the meeting.

The company soon enough found out what happened, and surrendered the very next day. The oldtimer is back on the job, doing only his own work. In addition, the company agreed to immediately arbitrate a whole number of long-standing grievances.

## Bethlehem at Lackawanna

LACKAWANNA. — Four hundred workers in the Bethlehem cold-strip mill here walked off the job last Monday night in protest at company speedup and the elimination of 27 jobs. Julian Bruce, international representative of the United Steelworkers of America (CIO) declared that the walkout was "unauthorized."

The workers returned to work on Tuesday while the union's grievance committee met with representatives of the company

Bruce, in a statement to the press, said the walkout occurred after the company, in a speed-up "readjustment," eliminated the jobs of inspector, tester and tester-helper and sent 27 men who had held these jobs back to the ranks. The installation of new equipment in the mill, he explained, made it impossible for inspectors to perform their duties properly.

Last month Local 2601, USA CIO voted unanimously to condemn Bethlehem for its "lily-white" policy in the strip mill.

## Chicago Steelworker Scores Pension-Welfare Settlement

EDITOR:

The pension-insurance deal Phil Murray made with the steel corporations is coming home to roost. The steel worker can now see for himself what we were handed by our leaders.

The insurance plan at Carnegie-Illinois gives no surgical care. The pension plan is the kind of company "welfare" we used to get during company union days. The company decides when a man is eligible, how much he gets, when he should be cut off—the company runs the whole show. We've got no say at all.

We pay about $7 a month and get much less than the miners, who get $130 in pensions and have a real hand in running the pension fund. So steel workers are plenty dissatisfied with Murray's raw deal.

At Carnegie, new reheating furnace rates brought a six cent cut for the men. At Republic (Local 1033) a rate adjustment grievance in the open hearth has been pending for two years. Meanwhile, the members freely talk how the Murray boys help themselves to the treasury instead of fighting grievances.

Here's hoping the membership is able to clean out the money-hungry job seekers and elect honest, good union men who know how to fight for the members' interests.

—A CHICAGO STEELWORKER.



GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE: "Hey! What happened to that 5th step grievance you took over five months ago? Did'ya lose that one, too?"

STAFF REPRESENTATIVE: "Tut, Tut! We never lose a grievance! Why, we've got grievances filed away for five years and haven't lost a single one yet!"

## Steel Sparks

BY ANDREW OVARI

### BOSTON AND ATLANTIC CITY

THE SITUATION under which the fifth convention of the United Steelworkers of America opens its sessions in Atlantic City, May 9, differs greatly from that which prevailed at the Boston convention in 1948.

The war danger is sharper and the Truman foreign policy is seen as a war policy by more workers today. Peace sentiment and resistance to Wall Street's war program are greater. The illusion that Murray's support for the Truman-bipartisan foreign policy meant jobs or was "only for the record to take the heat off labor," has been badly dented.

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THE 1948 CONVENTION STAND of the steel union leaders that support for the employers' foreign policy was the "dividing line between patriots and traitors"; the basis for "uniting America" in a "classless America" where wages, working conditions and profits would all improve is seen by more and more workers as a fake and a fraud. In the two years since Boston, steel profits hit an all-time peak, while layoffs, speedup and a wage freeze hit steelworkers. While 28 steel companies amassed a $2,000,000,000 reserve, workers' savings dried up and families began to live from paycheck to paycheck, while debts increased.

The 1948 convention stand of the steel union leaders that supporting candidates pledged to the Marshall Plan in the elections would bring Taft-Hartley repeal, adoption of FEPC, housing, health and other labor-sponsored legislation, is now exposed as so much hog-wash in the face of the record—a record which every steel worker, Negro and white, can see and feel for himself.

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THE 1948 CONVENTION STAND of the steel union leaders against a militant, fighting wage policy, as expressed in their vile and contemptible attack on heroic Nick Migas, is now brought sharply home to all steel workers every pay day. When steel workers see new welfare deductions from their paychecks, less take-home pay than before, they now know that Nick Migas was speaking for them, while Phil Murray and his goons were attacking the rank-and-file when they ganged up on Migas.

The 1948 steel convention was the convention of the lamb lying down with the lion. The militant, fighting policies of the rank-and-file, expressed by many old-timers, progressives, Communists and non-party, were scrapped. Instead, "love-the-boss," bellycrawling policies were adopted. And, as though to drive a last nail into the coffin of fighting policies, the Murray machine adopted the anti-Communist clause, barring Communists and "followers of the Communist line" from holding office. Steelworkers have seen the payoff of these policies on their kitchen table in these two years.

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MURRAY SENT A LETTER to all locals warning against the election of Communists to the 1950 convention. Murray and his henchmen must, therefore, take full responsibility themselves for the conditions that prevail in the union and the industry today.

Without Communists around to use as a "whipping-boy" and as a diversion, how will Murray answer these questions:

DID MURRAY'S "WAR ON COMMUNISM" and unity with the bosses behind the cold war raise the wages and living standards of the steel workers?

Did workers get more jobs out of this cold war support, or did layoffs begin in steel?

DID MURRAY'S SUPPORT of the Marshall Plan get Taft-Hartley repealed, or didn't Truman use that vicious law to try to break the 10 months' long miners' strike?

DID MURRAY'S SUPPORT of Wall Street's foreign policy bring FEPC, or wasn't a phony bill passed which had the support of Dixiecrats, Republicans and Northern Democrats, all, and which, gives the Negro nothing, absolutely nothing at all?

DID MURRAY'S SUPPORT of Well Street's foreign policy bring housing for law-income groups—the workers—or didn't it encourage Truman to go ahead with his decision to build the Hell-Bomb?

As if to make sure that the rank-and-file would not be present in any large numbers to raise such embarrassing questions in the 1950 convention, the Murray machine railroaded through at Boston a decision to cut down the size of the convention. The Murray boys expect to put up a grand circus-style show at Atlantic City. But the rank-and-file is rapidly getting beyond the fooling stage, Mr. Murray!

# 'Dear Boss'— A LETTER TO PRESIDENT OF YOUNGSTOWN TUBE CO.

Mr. Frank Purnell, President,
Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co.
Dear Boss:

I read your letter to me and my fellow-workers as published in The Bulletin for March. In fact, to make sure I got the real meaning behind all the fancy words, I read it out loud to my wife and asked her what she made of it.

And boss, you know what? The little lady just don't understand you at all, she's got you all wrong.

Remember that part where you complain that the cost of modern, labor saving machinery "has risen from two to four times their original cost"? Well, she says that's because the steel industry has raised prices about 5 times since the end of the war!

Well, boss I put my foot down and told her to not interrupt until I finished reading your letter. So she just listened and I finally got to the end of your letter, which, as you remember, went like this:

". . . . Any unusual work stoppages, unnecessary absenteeism, workmanship below standard which might result in poor quality, slowdown or featherbedding, or service not up to par—all these will affect the profit picture. And with reduced profit our plans for pensions for the future will be seriously impaired."

Boss, I thought I heard strong language on the job (and believe me, there's plenty to speak strong language about!) But you should have heard what the little lady said when I finished your letter!

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BUT to save your valuable time (by the way, just what do you do for an honest living?) I won't repeat the juicy words, and I'll just boil down what she said to the bone, just so's you get the idea:

"That --- is threatening you. He's telling you if you don't speed-up and knuckle under, the company is just going to cut out the pension you guys struck for six weeks to get.

"That is saying that free enterprise means profits and profits only, and that if profits go down, then the working man must take the rap. In other words, that --- is saying that profits come before people . . . why, that ---!

"Free enterprise, eh? So industry is working at near-capacity and there's over 6 million unemployed, and profits are at all-time peaks. So that's free enterprise, uh? Well, they know what they can do with it!

"And where does he get that nerve trying to tell you that profit is all that is left for the poor boss after he pays ALL his expenses? Why the only people that produce profit are the working classes, and the bosses take it all except the little for wages, and they pay for advertising, taxes, new machines, office help and lots more out of the profits made by the steelworkers. Who's he trying to kid, making you think that you're the least important guy in that mill?

"Why, if you go to the latrine for as much as 10 minutes, they send out an alarm after you. But if Mr. Purnell stayed in there all day, nobody'd miss him! Did you ever see him making any steel?"

YOU KNOW something, boss, she sounds like a Communist. But I like her, and I like her ideas, too, boss! So do lots of other Joes.

Now I don't like to make threats, boss. I'm a peaceable kind of guy. But how would you like it if I ended up a letter with these words:

"Any unusual speeding-up, unnecessary arrogance by the company, refusal to get grievances settled quickly, and other anti-labor activity — all these will affect the wage picture. And with attacks on our wages, our plans for continuing to stay on the job in the future will be seriously impaired."

Get the point, Boss? Well, lots of us are thinking this way, Philip Murray notwithstanding!

JOE DOAKS,
WORKER.

# Anti-Semitic Sheets Get Big Coca Cola Ads

**Americans who put down their nickels for the "pause that refreshes" may unwittingly be helping to "refresh" the treasury of an anti-Semitic Ku Klux Klan hate-sheet. For, according to the publication, Opinion, A Journal of Jewish Life and Letters, two Ku Klux-ish papers, papers, Parson Jack and Johnson's Georgia Tribune are being supported by national advertising from the Coca-Cola Co.**



ASKS RIGHT OF ASYLUM: Mrs. Eleanor Wheeler joins with her husband in asking Czechoslovakia to grant them a haven. George S. Wheeler (left) and Jiri Hronek, secretary of the International Organization of Journalists, pictured last week in Prague.

The Klan is violently anti-Catholic, as is well known; and Coca-Cola boss James A. Farley is probably the most prominent Catholic layman in America.

But both Farley and the Klan are notoriously pro-fascist and anti-Communist.

And, declares Joseph Brainin in Opinion (in his article, A Call To Action; The Rebirth of Oragnized Anti-Semitism work in America):

"... the Klan has also intensified its anti-Semitic work in accordance with the Merwin K. Hart formula of indentifying Jews with Communists."

HART, the head of the pro-fascist National Economic Council, claims to have discovered "atomic anti-Semitism", according to Brainin. For "why revive the dusty, discredited legend of the "Elders of Zion" where one can make the absurd story of a Zionist-Communist alliance palatable to big business?"

"Never before (except possibly at the very height of the Hitler regime)" declared Brainin, "has so much money been spent in America for the production and distribution of literature directed against the Jews."

"Over $1,000,000 was collected by the leading bigots in a 12-month period," the annual survey of race prejudice made public by the Anti-Defamation League last week disclosed.

Merwin Hart's outfit got "at least $140,000" in 1949, the League reported; Gerald L. K. Smith "more than $150,000"; Gerald Winrod, "about $100,000"; Upton Close, $50,000; Joseph P. Kamp, $50,000 and Allan Zoll, former fund-raiser for both Hart and Kamp, $40,000.

"Fifty-seven anti-Semitic organizations were active in 1949", according to the League.

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WARNING AGAINST "indifference" being shown by Jewish organizations and the concentration of "virtually" all attention on the new state of Israel, Brainin explains that people must not be lulled because:

"In the past few years anti-Jewish feeling has no longer manifested itself through the relatively petty means of physical violence or destruction of property (the short-range anti-Semitic policy), but has entered the psuedo-respectable phase of natonwide 'education' (the long-rang policy of anti-Semitism)."

The Peekskill riots of last summer, Brainin says, marked a return to this "short-range policy.

Financing this "education" in fascist anti-Semitism, by contributions to Hart's organization, Brainin declares, is a roster of major corporations and prominent individuals, including Lammot duPont; Union Carbide; Gulf Oil; Empire State Building Corp.; American Cyanid; Mohawk Carpet Mills; ex-Senator Albert Hawkes and John J. Raskob.

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THE WALL STREETERS pay for the dissemination of such poison as the following excerpts from Hart's news-letter:

"The fact is that Zionists and Communist influence (at times the one is stronger, at times the other—frequently they work together) has dictated and controlled practically all moves of American foreign policy since 1933". Substituting the name "Zionist" for "Jew", Hart goes on to say that "these forces dictated the setting up of the UNRA under the control, first of Zionist Herbert H. Lehman and second, of Zionist LaGuardia."

Brainin lists many other anti-Semitic hate sheets. Rapping the "irresponsible action" of the leaders of the American Jewish Committee and others who participated along with Hart and other anti-Semites in the "All-America Conference to Fight Communism" last January he called for "unity" and "vigilant and militant defense" to stem the "rising tide of anti-Jewish feeling."

## this is capitalism

### War's a Blessing to Capitalism

BOSTON.—When Communists and others says that capitalism needs and incites wars, they are reviled as "foreign agents." But Boston Globe business columnist T.G.M. admits: "War, of course, is the great alleviative to any economic problem with its astronomical consumption of goods while at the same time it draws manpower heavily away from the labor force."

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### Who Gets Rooked on Taxes? Right!

DETROIT.—Chrysler, Ford, Hudson, Kaiser-Frazer, Burroughs Adding Machine and other industrial giants got millions in tax cuts courtesy of the city treasurer. Chrysler got an $18,481,600 cut in 'personal property' assessment, saving $700,000 in taxes. The Michigan edition of The Worker, which owns all of five battered typewriters and some old desks, got a tax increase!

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### Not His Fault, But He Has to Pay

LOCKHART, Texas.—William Hagedorn, 77-year-old farmer, has to pay $3,126.84 plus costs as "damages" to a couple whose car went off the road near his farm to avoid hitting a mule. But the mule wasn't Hagedorn's, and the first court which held the old man responsible, on the plaintiff's say-so, never even notified Hagedorn to appear. The Texas Supreme Court finally ruled that the mule wasn't Hagedorn's all right, but he'd have to pay the $3,126.84 plus, anyhow, because he hadn't been "diligent in protecting his rights." The sum is far more than foreign-born Hagedorn has saved all his life. Ain't capitalist justice wonderful?

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### Sinclair Oil's Biggest Take

NEW YORK.—The Sinclair Oil Corp. has announced a net profit for 1949 of $54,073,338, after first deducting $5,000,000 for "possible losses in foreign exploratory operations." The take marked the company's second highest in its history.

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### 32 Living in One Room

DENVER.—A Denver census-taker found 32 persons living in one tiny five-room house, toolshed and garage. The household included a railroad laborer, his wife, 11 unmarried children, five married daughters, their husbands and nine grandchildren.

# Americans to Stay In Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE.—Two years ago an American journalist and economist came here to study. Now he asks that the Czechoslovak government grant him and his family a haven here as a political refugee. He is youngish looking 42-year-old George S. Wheeler of Rollingway, Wash., wartime economist in the U. S. War Department, postwar head of the denazification branch and policy chief for the labor office in the American Zone of Germany.

In announcing his decision to a meeting of journalists here he said: "I came to know Czechoslovakia well. I became acquainted with her people, her endeavors and her constructive efforts . . . and I also got to know real democracy.

"Today I am casting up accounts—comparing an America of Wall Street, Truman and Acheson, warmongers and atomic gangsters with the earnest efforts of Czechoslovakia to strengthen the peace front. . . . I declare before the world that I condemn and repudiate the war policy of American imperialism. I want to have nothing in common with the Gestapo methods of American policy. . . . I place myself proudly in the camp of peace and progress. I ask the Czechoslovak government to grant asylum to me and to my family and to give me the possibility of offering our training and knowledge to the world fight for peace."

# Children, Above All, Loved Woodson

## MAN WHO PIONEERED STUDY OF NEGRO HISTORY INSPIRED MILLIONS

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON.—Of all the honors he ever won, Dr. Carter Woodson cherished most the home made scroll presented him by some Washington school children, his friends.

For Dr. Woodson, the son of former slaves, coal miner, teacher, author, and one of the all time great historians in the land, cherished children as much as they loved him.

They surrounded him, bouncing and shouting, whenever he walked the streets around his office in the vast jimcrow ghetto of the capital city. He sought their company, filling them with stories of the Negro lore he had accumulated in his mind and books for 40 years.

Mainly through his tireless work over those years, he inculcated his love for history, his burning desire to search out the truth about his people, into the minds of his children. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, followed him. They became diggers for the truth in the life and history of the Negro people.

When he died in his small apartment over his office on April 3, the world lost a gentle giant, a modern day John Henry and Paul Bunyon.

Almost singlehandedly, this straight-backed, strong-faced man resurrected his people's lost history, the buried legends of their struggles for freedom.

He was filled with a purpose as great as the strength of the two legendary giants. With his quick, retentive, orderly mind he plowed up the neglected facts about his people's history and set out their contributions to the world for the world to see and to use against those who would enslave Negroes and other peoples.

His genius as an organizer guided the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. And as its director he founded the authoritative Journal of Negro History, for historians and researchers, and later the Negro History Bulletin, for school children and teachers.

As an author, he was prolific. He produced eight books, hundreds of articles, several surveys, and for the last six-years had been writing a six volume Encyclopedia Africana.

When he found that few publishers would print his books, or other books about the Negro people, he founded the Associated Publishers "to make possible the publication and circulation of valuable books on the Negro not acceptable to most publishers."

He learned early that the rich money grubbing class had no use for his efforts to develop historical research and bring its results to the people.

The wealthy tried to wreck his campaign. But the working people rallied to his support—in the heart of the depression. The Association has been financially stable since then.

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Largely through his efforts, the nation today celebrates Negro History Week every February. He organized the campaign to dramatize the achievements of the Negro people. Later he said, the creation of that week "exposed the bias in textbooks, bared the prejudice of teachers, and compelled" treating the Negro people in history as other people are treated.

Dr. Woodson would have been 75 on Dec. 19. For 40 years of his life he dug in the rich veins of history just as he dug coal in Fayette county, West Virginia to earn enough money to go to high school.

These years in the pits, and his earlier years on a Virginia farm helping his parents, tied him to the working class. He never lost those ties. They could not be cut, no matter how vicious the attacks against him were. And they were vicious in 1919 when he maintained sympathy for the Russian working people and their goal of Socialism. In recent years, he still insisted that the drive of oppressed people throughout the world toward Socialism was just, necessary—and inevitable. He saw it coming in China and Africa and was glad.



DR. CARTER WOODSON

# Fight Police Brutality in Hammond

HAMMOND, Ind.—Police brutality was protested last week at a mass meeting called by the local branch of the NAACP. A special report by the NAACP states that, "Detective Carley and Kramer dragged Mr. Lee Johnson, a Negro alongside of a building and beat him." When hearing of the case the NAACP appointed a committee of six to investigate. "Mrs. Berry and Mr. Kearby, members of the NAACP committee," continues the report," first went to the Mayor's office.

A few moments later they were told they could see the Mayor. Already in the room was Mr. Johnson, Mayor Anderson, Chief of Detective Andrew Pellar and Police Chief Martinson.

The Mayor asked how this committee happened to be there and it was explained to him the action was taken by the NAACP. The Mayor invited the committee to ask Mr. Johnson questions but said it seemed the incident was small but had grown to enormous proportions. During this conversation both the Mayor and the Chief of Police Martinson admitted that the officer had lost his head and was wrong.

It seemed at this point the story was that Detective Carley was the officer who did the beating and officer Kramer separated them. The committee seeing that Mr. Johnson had not told this group the same story he had told the NAACP committee did not press the point."

After the above meeting in the Mayor's office, a committee of the NAACP again went to see the Mayor on what is known as the Mayor's "Beef Night". At this meeting the NAACP committee spoke and gave their case to the Mayor. Told him they felt Mr. Johnson was intimidated from telling exactly what happened and that a hearing should be held before the Board of Public Works. The Mayor's answer was that he would take the suggestion under advisement.

The beating of Mr. Johnson by Hammond police is not the first time such things have happened. That is the reason the Hammond NAACP and other citizens are demanding that action be taken by the Mayor. Some are insisting that the two detectives be suspended and removed from the police force.

## Hoosier Opinion

### A CALL FOR PEACE

By George Sandy

*Chairman, Communist Party of Indiana*



THE LAST MEETING of the National Committee of the Communist Party devoted almost its entire proceedings to the need to arouse the people of our country to the growing danger of war and fascism and the need to fight for peace.

I attended that gathering and I want to bring to the attention of the readers of this column some of the burning reasons why we in Indiana must respond to the call of the Communist Party regardless of diverse political viewpoints.

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THE DRIVE TO WAR on the part of the government is having disastrous effects upon the lives of all of us. This is because of the nature of the war that the bosses want to start. They want a war to destroy all of the advances that have been made by the working class. They want a war to destroy the Soviet Union, to return to power the feudal landlords in the Eastern Democracies, to put Chiang Kai-shek back in the saddle in China and to make sure that the American billionaires get the profit. In other words, they want to start a "rich man's war that the poor man fights."

They can't do it as long as the American workers stand up on their hind legs and say "no." They can't do it as long as newspapers like The Worker bring the truth to the people. They can't do it as long as the Communist Party is able to agitate and organize the people against the war.

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MORE THAN THAT, they can't wage a rich man's war and permit the unions to fight for higher wages. A rich man's war is fought for foreign loot and home-front profit. They can't fight to destroy democracy in the rest of the world and do away with "Jimcrow" in America. They can't fight a war to re-enslave the free peoples and pass anti-lynch laws and FEPC legislation, they just don't go together. This is why Truman and the Democratic Party do not carry out their promises. Their actions have to square with their war policy.

This explains the anti-freedom laws like the Smith Act and the Taft-Hartley Law. This explains the persecution of the Communist leaders and the prison sentences handed out by Judge Medina. This is the reason for the introduction of the Mundt-Ferguson Bill. This explains why the reactionary union leaders who favor the war drive expel unions and sell out the wage demands of the workers.

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IT IS AS LOGICAL as two and two making four. When you take the rich man's side in a rich man's war you can't honestly fight for the working man's needs. This is the reason for screening the delegation to Washington to fight for Negro rights. The misleaders of the Negro people can't really be for equal rights in our country while they help put the yoke of American imperialism on the colonial peoples.

The constant decline in the living standards and prices of the products of the farmer can be traced to the fact that as the bosses drive down the workers' wages the farmers can't sell their products. This could very well end by the great trusts becoming the owners of America's richest farmland.

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THIS IS WHY the Communist Party called on the people to organize the fight for peace. This is why this column is addressed to you the reader as a plea for immediate action. There are things that all of you can do right now:

(1) Speak to your shopmate and neighbor, tell them to write to Truman and ask for the outlawing of the A and H bombs. Tell him to sit down and negotiate an agreement with the Soviet Union.

(2) Protest to your Congressman and to Senators Capehart and Jenner against the passage of the Mundt-Ferguson Bill.

(3) Organize a peace committee of your own. Even if it is only six or seven people it can get out petitions and resolutions and organize small meetings to stir the people up for peace.

The hour is late and the need is great. Those of you who want to do something, and don't know how, write me a letter. I'll be glad to give you a hand, but do it today, as the popular song goes, "It's later than you think."

## Bellycrawlers Cut Hosiery Workers' Pay

INDIANAPOLIS. — Proof that belly-crawling policies do pay off—for the bosses—is offered by the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, which has accepted wage cuts for 1,300 workers employed at the Real Silk Hosiery Mills and the National Hosiery Mills here. Other Indiana plants affected are in Ft. Wayne.

The wage cuts amount to from $5 to $20 a week, and were accepted by the union leaders "to meet southern competition." Outraged workers were calling newspapers all day protesting this cut. Local union officials had no comment.

### SCOTS ASK ACTION AGAINST THE BOMB

EDINBURGH (ALN). — British government action in the United Nations to "secure agreement between East and West for a ban on the manufacture of hydrogen bombs and destructive of all existing stocks of atomic weapons" is being urged by the General Council of the Scottish Trade Union Congress, which includes all labor unions here. The General Council will seek for formal support of a corresponding resolution by all affiliated unions at a delegate meeting of the STUC later this month.

# South Bend Workers Ask: How Long Will Jobs Last?

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—The South Bend area is unique in America's vast industrial plant. You can take the word of the United States bureau of employment security which says: the South Bend area, which includes all of St. Joseph County, is the ONLY area in the entire country where the ratio of unemployment to the total labor force is under three percent!

In a survey of 163 labor market areas only South Bend got an "A" rating over the last year, with a total labor force of 104,600 and only 2,000 unemployed, or an unemployment percentage of less than two percent.

Offhand this might look like something for local citizens to cheer about, but many shop workers stopped to ponder the news. It's nice to be first in employment in the nation—and it's lonely.

How long will it last? In 1948 33 areas, including South Bend, made the "A" rating nationally. In 1949 these dwindled to eight areas, including this one. In 1950 only South Bend—and in 1951 what?

What's holding it up when such areas as Evansville, Indianapolis, the Calumet have "C" ratings with a "moderate labor surplus" and Fort Wayne and Terre Haute rate "D" with a "substantial surplus"?

The answer is the unparalleled quantity of production at the Studebaker auto plant which now employs 7,000 more persons than in the peak war year of 1944 and 14,000 more than in 1941. The auto industry here, as elsewhere, is still propping up the nation's economy, preventing an economic collapse which otherwise would be far advanced, in spite of Marshall Plan gun-priming, MAP, aid to Chiang, etc. The boom in auto sales, despite definite signs of slackening off, continues to slow up the coming crisis, and here in South Bend lends an air of bloated prosperity which isn't fooling everyone.

For if South Bend is the ONLY "A" area in the nation, does this not mean that ALL other areas are beginning, in one degree or another to feel the growing pinch of unemployment? Does this not show that the 6,000,000 presently unemployed are pretty evenly distributed throughout the land? Is not South Bend's unique boom the very proof of the nation's bust? And how long will "D" areas be able to buy the automobiles that, sold in great quantities, alone enable South Bend to maintain its "A" rating?

If any further proof were needed, in this stormy period of capitalism's inability to provide adequately for the needs of the people, it is in the spectacle of a nation—the most industrially developed in the world and the richest—in which only ONE city can furnish enough jobs for its inhabitants—and even then at the expense of 2,000 hungry and idle workers.

As one trade union vet put it, "It's coming here, too, and all the Marshall Plans in the world won't stop it. What we need is peace, an end to the cold war, trade with Russia and China and a People's Deal in Washington. Don't let an 'A' on the report card fool you, brother."

# PLEDGE MASS CAMPAIGN, FUNDS TO FREE DENNIS

GARY, Ind.—Fifty per cent by April 15th, 100 percent by May 1, in its goal for $8,500 is the answer of the Indiana Communist Party to the Supreme Court's railroading to jail of Eugene Dennis.

At an enlarged State Committee meeting of the Communist Party of Indiana held on April 1st and 2nd, an all-out campaign was launched to reverse the verdict of the Supreme Court and to win complete freedom for national secretary Eugene Dennis and the rest of the National Committee, as essential in the fight for peace and democracy. And in order to ensure more agitation, leaflets, pamphlets, newspaper ads, etc., an unanimous decision to speed the fund drive.

The three major sections—Lake County, South Bend and Indianapolis, mainly responsible for the successful Worker Drive again took responsibility for the fund drive, with Fort Wayne in this drive being a serious contender for best results. South Bend, in competition with Lake County, as of the present has a slight edge. With enthusiasm for the drive high, Indiana is confident of a successful and speedy completion.

## UE Scores Decisive Gains

FT. WAYNE.—Over one hundred delegates from ten GE Locals in the Mid-West met last Sunday under the sponsorship of UE district 9 in Fort Wayne and heard UE Local 301 Business Agent Leo Jandreau, UE Local 610 Business Agent Robert Kirkwood and Int. Rep. Joseph Dermody speak on the issues facing the workers in the GE chain.

Jandreau told the delegates that the IUE was losing ground steadily in all the GE plants and that the company union had let it be known that they would lose Schenectady.

Jandreau charged that James Carey cost every GE worker a lot of money and job security last year when he sabotaged the negotiations with the company.

Hitting hard at the red-baiting, Jandreau said that the workers should measure the position and record of the UE against the interests of the people and the community.

Kirkwood explained the pension plan won at Westinghouse Air-Brake and Union Switch and Signal and helped some of the UE Local 901 delegates work out how much pension they would receive under such a plan.

Charles Hoffert, Taylor St. Plant would get $133.88; George Coplen, General Service, $129.00; John Yaymon, Sr., $125.00 and Evelyn Leiski, West Broadway, $179.82 a month.

All the delegates were enthusiastic about the pension and insurance plan.

The delegates passed a resolution to send a message to the GE workers in Peterboro, Canada, congratulating them on their victory. A motion was also passed unanimously pledging to carry on the fight to win GE shops for the UE.

## Calumet Teachers Demand Pay Raises

GARY. — The Gary and East Chicago locals of the American Federation of Teachers (AFL) have placed before their respective school boards demands for increased pay scales. The teachers speaking through Vernon Sigler, union attorney and business representative, demanded that the pay scales of teachers be equal to that of other professionals, such as lawyers, accountants, etc.

In addition, the teachers demanded real bargaining on the part of the school boards and that the teachers have a say in the fixing of the new pay scales, a function that previously has been the sole property of the school boards.

The Steel Page appears in The Worker the third week-end of each month. Readers are invited to write articles, letters or other materials for publication on this page. Send all contributions to Steel Page, Room 201, 209 North Well Street, Chicago, Ill.

# GARY BANQUET TO HONOR JIM WEST, FRANK MUCCI

Gary progressives are looking forward to a banquet on April 22 to honor Jim West and Frank Mucci. Jim West, who has been Communist Party organizer of Lake County for nearly four years, is leaving to assume the post of Regional Coordinator of the Party for the Midwest area.

Frank Mucci, who has had many years of varied political experience as a leader of the miners' union, and as a member of the Board and State Committee of the Communist Party of Illinois, will be welcome as the new Party organizer for Lake County.

In addition to local speakers, Ed Starr, legislative director of the Illinois Communist Party, and George Sandy, state chairman of the Indiana Communist Party, will address the banquet.

# Pick Dodgers and Indians

## Worker Sees Braves, Bosox Runner-Ups

By Lester Rodney

Despite a rash of aching muscles, creaking arms and sore knees, the 1950 baseball season definitely will start on Tuesday and barring rain, 16 big league clubs will take the field to begin the long 154-game parade to glory, disappointment and $$$. The early line favors a repeat performance by the Brooklyn Dodgers in the National League, and the upending of the world champion Yankees by the twice-frustrated, power laden Boston Red Sox in the American. We go along with half that ticket.

There are lots of intriguing questions in the races. In the American League, the outstanding questions are:

Can the Yanks get another big performance from the remarkable 35-year-old Joe DiMaggio, still the game's greatest all round performer when sound? Even if Joe stays in one piece, won't he be fading a little more rapidly past his peak? How about 34-year-old Tommy Henrich, who survived a rough season but is starting this one with an ailing knee? Who's on first? Rizzuto had his greatest year but he's a year older at 32 . . . can the upcoming young men stocking a strong bench fill the gap quickly enough this year and with the powerful pitching pull the Stadiumites through again?

Will the power laden Red Sox, nipped on the final day for two seasons in a row because of bad starts, turn on the heat from the start aided by a schedule which has them at home 22 of their first 30 games, and rocket out of sight to win in a romp?

Can the exciting rookie slugger Luke Easter, plus a pitching revival by Feller and Bearden, put the still very dangerous Cleveland Indians back on top?

Can Red Rolfe, as shrewd and resourceful a young manager to hit the big time in years, pull a miracle with his Detroit Tigers based on a tremendous outfield, deep and good pitching, and spirit, despite big question marks in several positions?

IN THE NATIONAL, the midwinter notio was Brooklyn bigger and better than ever, possibly to romp as the Cards went into a long expected fading act.

Now there's new excitement in Boston as the Braves, with a refurbished outfield boasting the slugging powers of Sid Gordon and Willard Marshall and the potential talents of rookie Sam Jethroe, plus a pitching comeback by Johnny Sain, are looking up. And the Cards, with Musial in his prime, Slaughter showing no signs of distintegration, and strong basic pitching, have plenty of backing.

Both leagues, as we see it, have three serious pennant contenders and two outside possibilities. I rate the Dodgers, Braves and Cards, Yanks, Bosox and Indians in the first category, the Giants, Phils, Tigers and A's in the second, and out of the flag picture completely the Pirates, Reds, Cubs, Chisox, Browns and Senators.

But enough of this shilly shallying. Let's pick 'em in order with a few words on each team. First the American League.

### Indians

Here are the reasons I see a return of Cleveland to the top. First, they have added long range power in the booming bat of Luke Easter, who through the spring circuit began to show that his prodigious slugging on the Coast last year was not a flash in the pan. A fast big



HOW'S THAT KNEE? TOMMY HENRICH

man who has surprised as a rightfielder, this 6-4, well muscled Negro star is the type who can turn things upside down if he gets the range and holds it.

The Indians dropped from first to third last season. One of the big reasons was the drop in Lou Boudreau's batting mark from .355 to .284, and though he was coming fast at season's end, it was too late. Lou himself says he came to camp overweight and out of shape after an unavoidable winter on the banquet circuit, but he's ready and sharp this time.

Potent reserve strength has come along to change the picture. Behind the slick Mickey Vernon at first is Herb Conyers, who rapped .355 for the Texas League title and r.b.i.'d 134 runs. Putting a new bark in the batting order and resting the classy receiving Jim Hegan is Jim Murray, who batted in 94 in the Texas and has looked even better than that.

There's a lot of talk about the Detroit and Boston outfields, but what's wrong with Cleveland's dazzling all star trio? Dale Mitchell, one of the constantly great post war stars, was the only A.L. player to get 200 hits last year, led in triples with 23 and hit .317. Larry Doby, supposedly having an "off year", batted a productive .280 and hit 24 homers, third highest in the league.

The youngster who came right out of the Negro league into the big time figures to improve some in his third year. Then there's Easter and an improved Allie Clark tigl.ting to get into things.

Al Rosen could make a big difference at third and Bob Kennedy can always do a better than competent job there. Rapidly development fielder in for Joe Gordon is little touted Beto Avila, a sleeper who could emerge suddenly with a bang.

It should be recalled that the Indian pitching staff last year had the lowest earned run percentage in the majors, this dispite lame duck performances by Feller and Bearden, both of whom look much more like their old selves this spring. Bellcow of course is the strong armed steady 20 game winner, Bob Lemon, and young Mike Garcia is ready and willing as a strong second ace. Early Wynn and Sam Zoldak are two nominees for surprise performances here, and an acquisition of importance is Jesse Flores, once a consistent winner with the A's, who came back with 21 and 10 for San Diego last year.

That's it. I like the ballclub, think the outfield is tops offensively the pitching great, and Easter potent enough to tip the balance.

### Red Sox

You don't have to strain to make out a case for the Boston Red Sox to finish at least second. The difficulty is always in figuring how come they don't do it . . . easy.

The Sox last year had four hitters who hit over .300, three who who drove more than 100 runs across, including the top two of either league, the two winningest pitchers in the league in Parnell and Kinder, and the devastation of the game's greatest and most prolific hitter, Ted Williams.

They have the same team back, except that rightfielder Al Zarilla, an important acquisition, is there all season. He knocked over 80 runs in part time duty. Mickey McDermott, the "next Grove," should presumably make the pitching better.

So why don't I pick 'em, especially since they're apt to get a much faster start due to the schedule break? On intangibles, the fact that Stephens, Doerr and Dom are a year older, not to mention Tebbetts, that something somehow always seemed lacking when the Sox came up to the big moment, that Kinder won't repeat his surprise big year and McDermott will be less than another Grove.

But, who knows?

### Yanks

Briefly on the Yanks. We thought they would fade to third last year and they picked up all the marbles. Can't see DiMaggio and Henrich, the two big guns, going all out long enough this year. The team is in an inbetween stage, with subtly fading stars, and up and coming replacements of the Bauer, Martin type not yet ready to go it alone. This despite pitching which could be as good as any in front line strength, and Joe Page still around.

Of course, it's always dangerous to count out the likes of Joe DiMaggio, at any age.

### Tigers

I think the Detroit outfield of Wertz, Groth and Evers is great and will be even better. The pitching, headed up by the formidable young Houtteman and backed by Trucks, Hutchinson, Newhouser, Gray and Rogovin, can't be bad. But I don't see the club as a real flag threat because I think Priddy is a little overrated and past his peak at second, Kryhoski is not yet a class player, and Lipon not a pennant winning shortstop. Kell is swell, and young Ginsberg could be the league's coming catcher. But too many ifs.

### A's

I'll get a big fight from Philly on this, but can't see the A's for beans. True, they got Dillinger, but they had plenty of good scatter hitters. They simply don't have the big booming punch and the pitching can't carry the attack. Take the classy infield combine. Joost tapered off to .263 and is getting along. Suder is a .267 rapper. Fain, never what he was touted, was .263. And the outfield hasn't the big guns to carry this crew.

### White Sox

Like the Chisox to come up a way, with Gus Zernial back in form and one of the authentic righthand power sockers, an exceptionally talented young shortstop rookie in Al Carresquel, bought cheaply from the Brooklyn chain at 30 Gs, more infield punch from Majeski at the price of a little speed, and a flock of lefthanded pitchers who will make some teams sorry. Bill Wight, Bob Kusava and Billy Pierce really have it and are coming fast. The second named could move along soon into the premier southpay spot in the league. Randy Gumpert is now an established righthander.

Big hole is at first. If the Sox can pry Mickey Vernon from Cleveland without giving up too much they'd even be a good outside bet for the first division. So it seems from here. Watch that Carresquel. They tell me he has it.

### Browns

The Browns have a rugged path ahead but should beat out the Nats in the fight for the cellar, despite the handicap of an all year psychologist on the bench. Vievers and Kokos in the outfield are genuine articles, Garver and Fannin are pitchers, Moss an underrated young catcher and Billy De Mars a much better shortstop than the Browns have had since Stephens left.

If Al Widmar, 22-game winner at Baltimore, is given the ridiculously low minimum salary he wants, the staff will shape up a little better. But the De Witts seem to prefer to lose him and invoke the baseball blacklist to keep him out. If they do, I hope Widmar wins his lawsuit and makes the Browns and Happy Chandler pay through the nose.

Say, looks like we'll have to hold the National League till next week, with full detailed rundowns on each of the eight teams, whose order we have already selected. Nothing that happens between Tuesday and next weekend can make what we write for next week's papers TOO silly.

Meanwhile, if you think we're way off on any of the teams, why just say so and you'll find it in print. We like arguments as much as the next guys.

And have you sent along your contribution to the fund drive of our fighting paper to keep it going for peace? If you haven't, and maybe if you agree with my pennant choices (ahem), why not send it credit of this writer and it will be happily acknowledged.

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## WORKER Sports



A BIG YEAR LEFT? Joe DiMaggio

## The 'Line' Says Dodgers, Bosox

ST. LOUIS, (UP).—Oddsmaker James J. Carroll established the Boston Red Sox 13 to 10 favorites to win the American League pennant and the Brooklyn Dodgers 6 to 5 choice in the National.

Other odds in the American are New York Yankees, 5 to 2; Detroit Tigers 4 to 11, Cleveland Indians 6 to1, Philadelphia Athletics 10 to 1, Chicago White Sox 60 to 1, and St. Louis Browns and Washington 100 to 1 each.

In the National the St. Louis Cardinals are 3 to1, Boston Braves 4 to1, Philadelphia Phils 8 to1, New York Giants 12 to 1, Pittsburgh Pirates 20 to 1 and Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds 50 to 1 each.

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## How the Czechs Celebrated Easter

PRAGUE. — As they do every year at Easter, people of this Socialist land marked two minutes of silence for peace . . . and for the war dead of all lands. This year the people of Czechoslovakia interrupted their work, paused at whatever they were doing in two minutes of reverent silence also for those fighting for freedom — in China, in Viet Nam, Malaya.

Prague's meeting was sponsored jointly by the Czechoslovak Red Cross and the Committee of the Defenders of Peace and held at the House of Artists under the slogan: "Fight for Peace; for happy homes of working people!" Dr. Oldrich John, chairman of the National Assembly which corresponds to the U. S. Congress, represented the President of the Republic at the ceremonies. Cabinet ministers, Mayor Vacek of Prague, members of the diplomatic corps of the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia's neighboring democracies also attended.



The photo shows (left to right): Mrs. H. Spurna, vice chairman of the National Assembly; Mrs. Oldrich John; Dr. John; and Gen. Alois Vicherek, chairman of the Red Cross.

First Anniversary of the Upstate Edition of The Worker

# 'A Champion of Peace'

By John Noto
Chairman, Communist Party of Western New York

Today we salute the Upstate Worker on one year of its existence. Since its birth it has been a fighting little giant—a lone cry in the wilderness of the big business press.

Assigned the task of being more than just a reporter of events, it has chalked up an admirable record of fighting for the man in the street—the worker, the Negro, working youth and women.

What paper can measure up to its fight for Frank Lumpkin and against all police brutality? How about the campaign for a new school for the children of Lackawanna's First Ward? Who can forget its support to the election of Negro candidates to major posts in the 1949 elections in all upstate cities? And, of course, is there any other paper that has consistently championed the interests of the Buffalo area steel workers?

To write of all its activities would require many pages. This article wants to speak of its fight for that which is the greatest desire of the greater number of people—peace.

For the past year, while the newspapers of the rich have continuously headlined for war, the Upstate Worker has systematically plugged for peace. While others double-talked about A-Bomb monopolies and preventive war, our paper called for international control of atomic energy and for world disarmament.

The monopoly press always headlined that which would sharpen the differences between the capitalist world and the socialist and democratic world. The Upstate Worker drummed away at the possibilities for continued peace and called for the re-establishment of friendly economic and political relations with our wartime ally, the Soviet Union, and with the new democracies of Central Europe.

Events in China were truthfully portrayed by the Upstate Worker. It called for support to the Chinese people in their revolution against dictator Chiang. Today it fights for recognition of the Chinese Republic to advance the cause of peace, and trade with the new China which will help create jobs for many unemployed American workers.

Finally, it alone has always exposed and fought against the renazification of Germany—against the turning over of Germany to those who killed 6,000,000 Jews, made lampshades of human skin, and today are aiding Wall Street in its plot for World War III.

Yes, the Upstate Worker can truly be called a "Champion of Peace." And the coming year gives it more tasks on this score.

• It must give full support to the setting up of Labor Peace Committees so that the working man can put in his demand for peace.

• It must help warn the people about the danger which the H-Bomb, owned by Wall Street, has for the people of America.

• It must expose the true purpose of the shipment of arms to Western Europe—how it is aimed at preventing the French and Italian workers from moving on to greater freedoms—how it is aimed at preparing for aggression against Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

• It must warn of the growing danger of war's twin—fascism. Can anybody point to any other paper upstate which is so valiantly fighting the Mundt Bill? Passage of the Mundt Bill means gagged mouths or jail, means being chained to speedup and low wages without protest or being chained in a concentration camp, it means increased police brutality against the Negroes and jail for those who protest. The Mundt Bill must be defeated and the Upstate Worker is your weapon to help defeat it.

Yes, this paper belongs to its readers. It grows because its readers support it. The Upstate Worker cannot live without such constant support. So I urge every reader, on this anniversary, to pledge greater support to his paper.

If you don't want the devastation of an H-Bomb War—get a new reader for The Worker!

If you don't want Mundt Bill concentration camps—give money to The Worker!

# Syracuse Mayor Moves to Reimpose City Sales Tax

SYRACUSE.—Syracusans were faced with a bi-partisan tax swindle this week as Democratic Mayor Thomas J. Corcoran announced "economy" service cuts in the 1951 budget and simultaneously maneuvered to reimpose the city sales tax. Corcoran was elected in '49 on a platform of repeal of the hated sales tax. On the eve of the election the Republicans, themselves, repealed the tax.

In a double-talking radio speach, Corcoran, making no direct reference to the sales tax, said: ". . . in the event we find it absolutely essential to raise more money to prevent a deficit, we will seek expressions of opinion from you as to the best manner of doing this."

The Herald-Journal in an editorial last Monday gave away the Mayor's game. "The Mayor says that expressions he has received from citizens indicate that the public favors restoration of the sales tax, if more revenue is needed for municipal progress. That is our observation, too."

The Onondaga County committee of the Communist Party, in a statement last week, urged the people of Syracuse to unite and demand the defeat of all attempts to re-impose the city sales tax and win open planning meetings on the city budget involving the unions and other people's organizations.

The daily press here, reflecting the interests of Big Business and big real estate interests, is pushing for a re-imposition of the sales tax which would pile the whole burden of taxation on the working class and low- and middle-income groups. Heaping praise on the courage "irrespective of criticism" of "Tom" Corcoran, the Herald-Journal in an earlier editorial "has no doubts" that he will follow their wishes in this matter.

Despite the crowing of the press, there is a growing sentiment here to prevent budget cuts of essential services and to raise any additional funds necessary through increased taxes on those best able to pay

## Onondaga County C.P. Urges Action to Stop New Sales Tax

"The people of Syracuse face a gigantic tax swindle. Mayor Corcoran, the Democrats and Republicans are working overtime to re-impose the City Sales Tax and to reduce services. This is a brazen betrayal of the people's demands as expressed in the 1949 elections.

"Mayor Corcoran knows the people are against the Sales Tax. That's why he opposed it in the election. The Republicans knew this. That's why they repealed the tax last October. Mayor Corcoran and the two old parties know the people are still against the Sales Tax. That's why they are busy maneuvering to find ways and means to re-impose the Sales Tax.

"This big business tax swindle in this city and state becomes worse each year. It is part of the Washington-Wall Street-Cold War program which pours out billions for war and little or nothing for the people's welfare. It works two ways. First, it places the tax burden on the workers, the small house owner, small businessmen, professional, farmers and middle income groups. Second, services, schools, teachers and civil employes' salaries are reduced or driven to sub-standard levels.

"This is the time to call a halt to the Corcoran-Dewey-Democrat-Republican Tax Swindle! The people, through their unions, clubs and organizations can win the fight. We can begin to shift the taxes on to the backs of Big Business. We can win a people's budget with improved services, housing, schools and increases for civil service employes. We can win appropriations for city-financed public works and aid to the unemployed and their families.

"The Communist Party urges the people to unite and demand:

"1—Defeat all attempts to re-impose the City Sales Tax.

"2—Open planning meetings of the City Budget involving the unions and people's organizations."

ONONDAGA COUNTY COMMITTEE, COMMUNIST PARTY,
219 North Franklin St., Syracuse, N. Y.

# Wallace Urges Ban on Bases, Arms Shipments

PEEKSKILL.—Henry Wallace urged that arms shipments between nations be banned and that "no nation should have bases in another nation" in an Easter sermon broadcast last Sunday under the auspices of the Cortland-Peekskill American Labor Party.

Calling for a "brotherly competition of service" between the U. S. and the Soviet Union, Wallace said he feared that the Soviets "will eventually develop a greater capacity to understand and cure the suffering of the world than we."

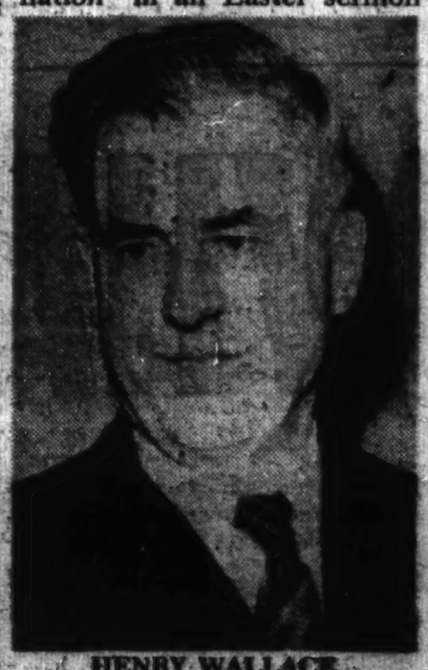
"Russia may yet put into practice more of the teachings of Jesus than the U. S.," said Wallace.

However, in attacking the cold war, Wallace repeated his stand that "both countries' policies rest on the doctrine of force." The Soviet Union, he said, "uses one kind of force—the U. S. another."

Wallace urged that force be renounced and warned that the U. S. "is now entering a Garden of Gethsemane."

"In spite of her appearance of power, she is very much alone," Wallace said.

He reiterated his condemnation of the hysteria in the U. S., saying "it has now become almost subversive to talk about that which Jesus died to bring."



HENRY WALLACE

# Schenectady NAACP Opposes Mundt Bill

SCHENECTADY.—The Mundt Bill was opposed here last week in a statement by the Schenectady branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In a letter to the Union-Star, the local NAACP branch said, in part:

"We the Schenectady branch of the NAACP, wish to go on record as opposing the Mundt-Nixon-Ferguson bill presently pending in Congress. Along with the Justice Department, we feel that the proposed measure is unconstitutional and will do considerably more harm than good. This bill would deny the basic American right of recourse to the courts for those who are unjustly accused of being Communists. The late news events show clearly how the word Communist is applied indiscriminately against all those whose opinions happen to differ from those of certain Congressmen.

How could an innocent person defend himself from a Senator McCarthy, J. Parnell Thomas or a Rankin? In the South, for instance, those who from their belief in the Bill of Rights work to give full citizenship to all Americans, are constantly labeled Communists. Just recently, Federal Judge J. Waties Waring of South Carolina was accused of being a Communist because he banned the white primary in his state.

The bill is essentially a sedition bill, and, in the hands of a prejudiced prosecutor or national administrator, can be used against groups like trade unions of the NAACP and, in fact, against any other organization. Our stand is the same on this bill as that of the New York City Bar Association, the ADA, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

# 'Mundt Bill Worse Than T-H,' Says Hotel Union

ALBANY.—Local 471, Hotel and Restaurant Workers, in a general membership meeting here recently voiced unanimous opposition to the Mundt Bill.

Speakers from the floor of the meeting joined the leadership in condemning the bill as a "police-state measure which is worse for labor than the Taft-Hartley Law."

A decision was made at the meeting to get each individual union member to write a letter or postcard to protest to the Senate leaders. It was also noted that the AFL, CIO and the leadership of the Hotel and Restaurant International had publicly condemned the Mundt Bill.

The sharp statement of International President Hugo Ernst, rapping the AFL national executive and its stifling bureaucracy, was also enthusiastically supported.

## Protest GE Speedup, 250 Workers Walkout

SYRACUSE.—Some 250 workers in one department of the General Electric plant here walked off the job and stayed away for one day last week in protest against the company's increasing speedup.

Workers stated that they had been requested by GE to do extra work without additional pay.

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# Jamestown AFL, CIO Rap Raiding, Urge Labor Unity

JAMESTOWN.—As reports of raiding of one union by another appeared in this area, Labor's Legislative Conference of the 45th Congressional District, at its April meeting last week condemned "all raids under any and all pretexts," as helping employers to break unions.

Unanimously adopted by the well-attended meeting, the anti-raiding resolution pledged to "do everything within our power to put a stop to such anti-labor tactics which can lead only to disorder and confusion for which we, as rank and file workers, must pay the price in reduced wages and slave-shop conditions."

Condemning raids under all pretexts, the resolution singled out the pretext of "liberating" the workers from a particular union.

Reports at the meeting indicated that AFL raiding has been started against shops organized by the United Furniture Workers of America. Another raid was reported against the Blackstone Local 305, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (UE).

UE spokesmen pointed out to the delegates that company inspired disruption has been carried out by company stooges during and since the union's strike last year. These stooges at different times used various disguises to cloak their dirty work, but all the while were working for the company to wreck the union.

The UE officers showed that the IAM, UAW and IUE were brought into the raiding situation against the established Blackstone union. They made it clear to the delegates that the company is taking full advantage of this situation to the detriment of the interests and conditions of the Blackstone workers.

Delegates of every trade union affiliation spoke up to say that they would not condone such raiding, that they would have "no part of it."

Practically every delegate who spoke, called for an end to the raiding and urged the Jamestown unions to work together to organize the UNORGANIZED in this vicinity.

Complete text of the anti-raiding resolution, as reported in the Tricounty Herald, follows:

Whereas, the need for labor unity is greater now than ever before, and without unity in our own ranks we are a target for every sharpshooting labor disrupter in our own unions and by company stooges masquerading as leaders in some international unions, whose sole objective is to help the employer break the union, be it therefore,

Resolved, That unity can and must be forged by the rank and file despite opposition by some of our own leaders here in Jamestown and vicinity who have fallen for the phony propaganda, spread by union busting companies who blindly follow the directives of the NAM, which has sponsored the infamous Taft-Hartley law and Mundt-Nixon Bills, and that it be further

Resolved, that Labor's Legislative Conference of the 45th Congressional District should and hereby does condemn all raids under any and all pretexts, including that of "liberating" workers of a particular union, against any organized labor union in Jamestown and vicinity, and similar raids throughout the United States, and do everything within our power to put a stop to such anti-labor tactics which can lead only to disorder and confusion for which we, as rank and file workers, must pay the price in reduced wages and slave-shop conditions.

## United Labor Opposes Mundt Bill

JAMESTOWN.—Delegates of AFL, CIO and independent unions at a large meeting of Labor's Legislative Conference of the 45th Congressional District here last week voted unanimous opposition to the Mundt Bill.

Their opposition to the thought-control measure was communicated to Senators Ives and Lehman, House and Senate majority leaders MacCormack and Lucas and to President Truman.

All local unions in Jamestown and vicinity were urged to take similar action.

## LYL Youth Meeting Hits Mundt Bill

By JACK WANDELL

SCHENECTADY.—Close to a hundred Negro and white youth jampacked the Paradise Cafe March 31 to hear state and local Labor Youth League leaders denounce Mundt's blueprint for native fascism.

Sam Engels of New York was warmly received as he assailed the bill as a threat to peace and our civil liberties. A highlight of the evening was when Unity Players, the LYL's newly-formed cultural group, lambasted the bill by presenting an original political satire on the un-democratic measure.

Young people of various and opposing political views have formed the Schenectady County Youth Committee Against the Mundt Bill. The committee, of which J. A. Arsenault, Jr., was recently elected chairman, has already collected the signatures of more than 40 local youth leaders on a petition which will appear as an advertisement in a local paper.

## Teamsters Sign Ice Drivers in Rochester

ROCHESTER. — Anthony A. Capone, local business representative of AFL Teamsters Local 398 announced last week that by the week's end, independent ice drivers of this city would be organized 100 percent in the union.

Since the beginning of the year 28 independent ice drivers have been signed up, said Capone. This, he said, is part of the union's observance of the organizing drive dedicated to Samuel Gompers, first president of the AFL. The union is going ahead with plans to organize other fields coming under the local's jurisdiction, he added.

## Laborers Ask Wage Boost in New Contract

ROCHESTER.—Laborers Local 435, AFL, is asking twenty cents an hour increase in base pay in contract negotiations with the Masons and Contractors Association here, it was announced last week.

Louis Genovese, business representative of the local, said the union hopes to reach an agreement with the association on a master contract before the June 30 expiration of the present contract. He stated that preliminary discussions had been held but expected the talks to continue for another two more weeks.

Genovese pointed out that more than 1,500 members of the union will be affected by the new contract.

One of the features under discussion is a comprehensive welfare plan program which the union presented earlier in a memorandum to the employers.

## Congressman Promises 'Utmost Consideration'

ROCHESTER. — Congressman Kenneth B. Keating (Rep.) notified the American Federation of Labor here last week that he would give "utmost consideration" to the AFL's request that he vote against any slash in appropriations for the Mt. Morris Dam project.

Labor News, official publication of the Central Trades and Labor Council, AFL, comments: ". . . the last time Congressman Keating promised 'consideration' of a local AFL request, he voted against the cooperative housing provisions of the housing bill, finally passed by Congress without the AFL-backed co-op features which would provide homes for middle income families at prices they could afford to pay."

# Farm Front

By George Cook

ALPINE.—A couple of weeks ago Uncle Sam sent me a farm questionnaire to fill out for his census taker. The form is about big enough to save a roll of wall paper if I can find a pattern to match it. It came free through the mail and if they sent out as many as they say, the post office deficit will be big enough this year to take up all that is left over after such necessities as the H-bomb and defense of the Greek and Formosan "democracies."



Geo. Cook

It isn't filled out yet. My wife and I got far enough to learn that we have a farm as the census defines a farm. We have twenty-five or more chickens and ducks, a cow we are milking (and two heifers we hope to milk) and the kids have a horse and a pair of rabbits. We raise and butcher a pig each year, and use three or more acres of land for ourselves. Any of those make a farm.

But how big is the farm? The deed and mortgage say 88 acres. Not the census bureau. Last year a neighbor planted wheat and corn on 16 acres and that is to be added to his farm, making him 102 acres and us only 70. We had eight acres of hay cut on shares and I don't know whether to keep that tract or add it or half of it to that neighbor's holding. We permitted a man to run some calves in the pasture—does he add half our pasture to his place?

Historically and ideologically the stress in this country has been on land ownership, but when the census is finished it will be impossible to tell anything about who owns the farm land in this country.

The result will be only a good average of how many acres a family works.

The federal government is willing to drive New York farmers batty with figures, to spend millions on a census that conceals rather than reveals, even to subvert the sacred concept of property ownership—in order to conceal the fact that a few thousand big owners (including the Metropolitan Life Ins. Co.)—own most of the land in the South and that some million sharecroppers are not independent farmers at all but only one step removed from serfdom.

There was an example in the Memphis Commercial Appeal of April 2. It told of a syndicate which bought a tiny back lot of the Robert E. Lee Wilson estate in northeast Arkansas. Old Lee once owned so much of that Arkansas mud that, during a term as State Highway Commissioner, he was able to build fifty miles of paved state roads on his own cotton patch.

The syndicate bought a tract of 5,600 acres, including the town of Armorel (pop. 500) for a million and a half cash, leaving, said the paper, the bulk of the estate intact.

When I was a school teacher on the edge of the Wilson empire in 1942, he had about one family to every forty acres on the place, not counting the two villages, Armorel and Wilson, that he owned.

Now the census which balled me up won't ball up that estate at all. All of those landless families tilling the soil reclaimed from the aligators will be listed as farmers, just like the independent family farmer in New York or Iowa.

Not only that, but I, with my cow, pig, and garden will be just as much farmer as the president of the Blytheville bank who heads that syndicate with the million and a half dollar farm with the thousand peon families thrown in.

This equalization is doubtless what the Republican papers mean when they say that Truman is taking the country along the road to Socialism.

# 'MORNING SUN' HELPS CHALK VICTORY FOR E-J STITCHERS

BINGHAMTON.—The Morning Sun, a small mimeographed shop paper published and distributed to Endicott-Johnson shoe workers here by the E-J Workers Club, Communist Party, is winning wide popularity and respect among the workers in this big non-union shoe empire.

Recently a new pattern was introduced in a department of the West End factory. The stitchers took a cut because it was impossible to make their rates on the new pattern.

When a delegation of women stitchers went to the superintendant demanding a two-cent increase, he refused it saying, "Women have no right to ask for an increase. You're only working for pin money."

This story was taken up in the Morning Sun. The same day the paper was distributed in West End the stitchers got the two cents raise!

As a result of this victory, distributors of the paper have been approached by many workers from other departments who say, "I wish you'd tell the story of our department."

## Westinghouse NLRB Elections Set for 27th

BUFFALO.—Elections to determine what union is to represent the 4,000 workers in the Westinghouse plant here have been scheduled by the NLRB for April 27.

United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (UE), Local 1581 is the present bargaining agent. UE shop stewards are carrying on an active campaign in the plant.

# Syracuse Readers Salute 'Upstate Worker'

By Nat Zeppetello

On the first anniversary of the Upstate Worker, the opinion of Syracuse readers, Communists and non-Communists alike, is unanimous: the Upstate Worker must stay. It must stay and constantly grow because it has played, and will continue to play, a big part in the struggles and victories of the working class and the Negro people in the city of Syracuse.

The Upstate Worker was born just about the time when the Irv Feiner case broke in Syracuse. Feiner, a young veteran and Syracuse University student, was arrested, convicted, and sentenced to 30 days in jail on trumped-up charges because of a street-corner speech he made in behalf of the Trenton Six. His case is now being appealed to the Supreme Court.

Our paper played a big role in bringing the true facts to the people. It exposed the persecution of Feiner for what it really was: an attack on the Trenton Six and an attack on the Negro people generally. The Upstate Worker, in addition to printing the facts, also helped to spark a wide campaign of protest against the railroading of young Feiner.

Our paper led the way in exposing the vicious policy of police brutality directed against the Negro people in Syracuse. This was done most fully around the case of Mrs. Williams, a Negro mother who was arrested because she criticized a brutal cop. The campaign waged by the Upstate Worker and various progressive organizations, notably the American Labor Party, forced the local Republican machine to retreat and enabled Mrs. Williams to win her freedom.

The Upstate Worker helped to bring out the real issues in the local elections last year and exposed the hokum of both old parties. It fought for housing and other needs of the people.

The Upstate Worker has played a small but growing part in the struggles of the working people of Syracuse on the many issues facing them. It has helped to spark the fight against speedup and rate-cutting, especially in the big GE plant here.

Our paper has campaign against the bosses divide-and-rule tactic of Negro discrimination and for Negro-white unity in the shops.

In addition the Upstate Worker has carried the fight against the anti-fascist Mundt Bill to the workers as well as the paramount issue facing all the people—the fight for peace.

"It's almost like having a local paper, except the Upstate Worker fights for the PEOPLE." This was the reply of one old-time reader who was asked to comment on the first anniversary of our paper. And he's right! What we must do in the days and months ahead is to make sure that the Upstate Worker becomes a much more valiant fighter for the people with a constantly growing circulation, and effectiveness in the fight against war and fascism.

# Pick Dodgers and Indians

## Worker Sees Braves, Bosox Runner-Ups

By Lester Rodney

Despite a rash of aching muscles, creaking arms and sore knees, the 1950 baseball season definitely will start on Tuesday and barring rain, 16 big league clubs will take the field to begin the long 154-game parade to glory, disappointment and $$$. The early line favors a repeat performance by the Brooklyn Dodgers in the National League, and the upending of the world champion Yankees by the twice-frustrated, power laden Boston Red Sox in the American. We go along with half that ticket.

There are lots of intriguing questions in these races. In the American League, the outstanding questions are:

Can the Yanks get another big performance from the remarkable 35-year-old Joe DiMaggio, still the game's greatest all round performer when sound? Even if Joe stays in one piece, won't he be fading a little more rapidly past his peak? How about 34-year-old Tommy Henrich, who survived a rough season but is starting this one with an ailing knee? Who's on first? Rizzuto had his greatest year but he's a year older at 32 . . . can the upcoming young men stocking a strong bench fill the gap quickly enough this year and with the powerful pitching pull the Stadiumites through again?

Will the power laden Red Sox, nipped on the final day for two seasons in a row because of bad starts, turn on the heat from the start aided by a schedule which has them at home 22 of their first 30 games, and rocket out of sight to win in a romp?

Can the exciting rookie slugger Luke Easter, plus a pitching revival by Feller and Bearden, put the still very dangerous Cleveland Indians back on top?

Can Red Rolfe, as shrewd and resourceful a young manager to hit the big time in years, pull a miracle with his Detroit Tigers based on a tremendous outfield, deep and good pitching, and spirit, despite big question marks in several positions?

IN THE NATIONAL, the midwinter notio was Brooklyn bigger and better than ever, possibly to romp as the Cards went into a long expected fading act.

Now there's new excitement in Boston as the Braves, with a refurbished outfield boasting the slugging powers of Sid Gordon and Willard Marshall and the potential talents of rookie Sam Jethroe, plus a pitching comeback by Johnny Sain, are looking up. And the Cards, with Musial in his prime, Slaughter showing no signs of distintegration, and strong basic pitching, have plenty of backing.

Both leagues, as we see it, have three serious pennant contenders and two outside possibilities. I rate the Dodgers, Braves and Cards, Yanks, Bosox and Indians in the first category, the Giants, Phils, Tigers and A's in the second, and out of the flag picture completely the Pirates, Reds, Cubs, Chisox, Browns and Senators.

But enough of this shilly shallying. Let's pick 'em in order with a few words on each team. First the American League.

### Indians

Here are the reasons I see a return of Cleveland to the top. First, they have added long range power in the booming bat of Luke Easter, who through the spring curcuit began to show that his prodigious slugging on the Coast last year was not a flash in the pan. A fast big



HOW'S THAT KNEE?
TOMMY HENRICH

man who has surprised as a rightfielder, this 6-4, well muscled Negro star is the type who can turn things upside down if he gets the range and holds it.

The Indians dropped from first to third last season. One of the big reasons was the drop in Lou Boudreau's batting mark from .355 to .284, and though he was coming fast at season's end, it was too late. Lou himself says he came to camp overweight and out of shape after an unavoidable winter on the banquet circuit, but he's ready and sharp this time.

Potent reserve strength has come along to change the picture. Behind the slick Mickey Vernon at first is Herb Conyers, who rapped .355 for the Texas League title and r.b.i.'d 134 runs. Putting a new bark in the batting order and resting the classy receiving Jim Hegan is Jim Murray, who batted in 94 in the Texas and has looked even better than that.

There's a lot of talk about the Detroit and Boston outfields, but what's wrong with Cleveland's dazzling all star trio? Dale Mitchell, one of the constantly great post war stars, was the only A.L. player to get 200 hits last year, led in triples with 23 and hit .317. Larry Doby, supposedly having an "off year", batted a productive .280 and hit 24 homers, third highest in the league.

The youngster who came right out of the Negro league into the big time figures to improve some in his third year. Then there's Easter and an improved Allie Clark tigl.ting to get into things.

Al Rosen could make a big difference at third and Bob Kennedy can always do a better than competent job there. Rapidly developing filler in for Joe Gordon is little touted Beto Avila, a sleeper who could emerge suddenly with a bang.

It should be recalled that the Indian pitching staff last year had the lowest earned run percentage in the majors, this despite lame duck performances by Feller and Bearden, both of whom look much more like their old selves this spring. Bellcow of course is the strong armed steady 20 game winner, Bob Lemon, and young Mike Garcia is ready and willing as a strong second ace. Early Wynn and Sam Zoldak are two nominees for surprise performances here, and an acquisition of importance is Jesse Flores, once a consistent winner with the A's, who came back with 21 and 10 for San Diego last year.

That's it. I like the ballclub, think the outfield is tops offensively the pitching great, and Easter potent enough to tip the balance.

### Red Sox

You don't have to strain to make out a case for the Boston Red Sox to finish at least second. The difficulty is always in figuring how come they don't do it . . . easy.

The Sox last year had four hitters who hit over .300, three who who drove more than 100 runs across, including the top two of either league, the two winningest pitchers in the league in Parnell and Kinder, and the devastation of the game's greatest and most prolific hitter, Ted Williams.

They have the same team back, except that rightfielder Al Zarilla, an important acquisition, is there all season. He knocked over 80 runs in part time duty. Mickey McDermott, the "next Grove," should presumably make the pitching better.

So why don't I pick 'em, especially since they're apt to get a much faster start due to the schedule break? On intangibles, the fact that Stephens, Doerr and Dom are a year older, not to mention Tebbetts, that something somehow always seemed lacking when the Sox came up to the big moment, that Kinder won't repeat his surprise big year and McDermott will be less than another Grove.

But, who knows?

### Yanks

Briefly on the Yanks. We thought they would fade to third last year and they picked up all the marbles. Can't see DiMaggio and Henrich, the two big guns, going all out long enough this year. The team is in an inbetween stage, with subtly fading stars, and up and coming replacements of the Bauer, Martin type not yet ready to go it alone. This despite pitching which could be as good as any in front line strength, and Joe Page still around.

Of course, it's always dangerous to count out the likes of Joe DiMaggio, at any age.

## JUST ONE MAN'S OPINION

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### Tigers

I think the Detroit outfield of Wertz, Groth and Evers is great and will be even better. The pitching, headed up by the formidable young Houtteman and backed by Trucks, Hutchinson, Newhouser, Gray and Rogovin, can't be bad. But I don't see the club as a real flag threat because I think Priddy is a little overrated and past his peak at second, Kryhoski is not yet a class player, and Lipon not a pennant winning shortstop. Kell is swell, and young Ginsberg could be the league's coming catcher. But too many ifs.

### White Sox

Like the Chisox to come up a way, with Gus Zernial back in form and one of the authentic righthand power sockers, an exceptionally talented young shortstop rookie in Al Carresquel, bought cheaply from the Brooklyn chain at 30 Gs, more infield punch from Majeski at the price of a little speed, and a flock of lefthanded pitchers who will make some teams sorry. Bill Wight, Bob Kusava and Billy Pierce really have it and are coming fast. The second named could move along soon into the premier southpaw spot in the league. Randy Gumpert is now an established righthander.

Big hole is at first. If the Sox can pry Mickey Vernon from Cleveland without giving up too much they'd even be a good outside bet for the first division. So it seems from here. Watch that Carresquel. They tell me he has it.

### A's

I'll get a big fight from Philly on this, but can't see the A's for beans. True, they got Dillinger, but they had plenty of good scatter hitters. They simply don't have the big booming punch and the pitching can't carry the attack. Take the classy infield combine. Joost tapered off to .263 and is getting along. Suder is a .267 rapper. Fain, never what he was touted, was .263. And the outfield hasn't the big guns to carry this crew.

### Browns

The Browns have a rugged path ahead but should beat out the Nats in the fight for the cellar, despite the handicap of an all year psychologist on the bench. Sievers and Kokos in the outfield are genuine articles, Garver and Fannin are pitchers, Moss an underrated young catcher and Billy De Mars a much better shortstop than the Browns have had since Stephens left.

If Al Widmar, 22-game winner at Baltimore, is given the ridiculously low minimum salary he wants, the staff will shape up a little better. But the De Witts seem to prefer to lose him and invoke the baseball blacklist to keep him out. If they do, I hope Widmar wins his lawsuit and makes the Browns and Happy Chandler pay through the nose.

Say, looks like we'll have to hold the National League till next week, with full detailed rundowns on each of the eight teams, whose order we have already selected. Nothing that happens between Tuesday and next weekend can make what we write for next week's papers TOO silly.

Meanwhile, if you think we're way off on any of the teams, why just say so and you'll find it in print. We like arguments as much as the next guys.

And have you sent along your contribution to the fund drive of our fighting paper to keep it going for peace? If you haven't, and maybe if you agree with my pennant choices (ahem), why not send it credit of this writer and it will be happily acknowledged.



A BIG YEAR LEFT?
Joe DiMaggio

## The 'Line' Says Dodgers, Bosox

ST. LOUIS, (UP).—Oddsmaker James J. Carroll established the Boston Red Sox 13 to 10 favorites to win the American League pennant and the Brooklyn Dodgers 6 to 5 choice in the National.

Other odds in the American are New York Yankees, 5 to 2; Detroit Tigers 4 to 11, Cleveland Indians 6 to1, Philadelphia Athletics 10 to 1, Chicago White Sox 60 to 1, and St. Louis Browns and Washington 100 to 1 each.

In the National the St. Louis Cardinals are 3 to1, Boston Braves 4 to1, Philadelphia Phils 8 to1, New York Giants 12 to 1, Pittsburgh Pirates 20 to 1 and Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds 50 to 1 each.

# Danger! The Klan Writes Again!

By Abner Berry

The World-Telegram, long experienced in anti-Negro slanders, returned to its Copperhead attack this week when it called Dr. Lee Lorch "immoral" for having invited a Harlem family to live in his Stuyvesant Town apartment.

In its Wednesday editorial the W-T joined with the jimcrow pack in control at City College and with the banker-dominated trustee board of Pennsylvania State College in condemning the courageous mathematics professor for his anti-jimcrow fight. Dr. Lorch had been fired from both institutions for openly breaking the "white only" rule established by Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for Stuyvesant Town. Penn State's banker-board was not inhibited in stating reasons for discharging Dr. Lorch. A. C. Morse, Penn assistant president, declared flatly that the fired professor's activity in behalf of equal rights was "extreme, illegal and immoral, and damaging to the public relations of the college."



ABNER BERRY

This view was challenged by the American Association of University Professors who offered its facilities in support of Dr. Lorch's right to fight for democracy and teach mathematics, too.

The Klan mentality of the World-Telegram couldn't restrain its editorial tongue at this point. "Liberty or License?" the jimcrow journal slyly asked. Of course, Dr. Lorch is a good teacher, it admitted, but—

"to protect the exclusion of Negroes from Stuyvesant Town, he permitted a family of them to have his apartment . . .

"he sought to circumvent safeguards which lower courts held a property owner has a legal right to establish . . .

"the college trustees were fully justified in calling such action illegal and immoral . . .

"a college must be known by the professors it keeps."

This cold war, Copperhead sheet has now shown its skunk claws. And it smells not so much like the relatively innocent animal (which, by the way, mixes black and white quite readily) but like slave pens and burning flesh.

The banner of State's Rights, the sacred right to discriminate, the right to lynch the Constitution and the inalienable rights of Negroes, is now flaunted openly in a newspaper sold on the streets of New York—and in Harlem!

And don't think for a moment that this is the idle ranting of a prejudiced editorial writer. This sheet is consciously pursuing the cold war path, The path to the Mundt Bill, the "total diplomacy" of Acheson with its "loyalty oaths." Unless we stop this thing in its editorial phase by hitting the circulation of journals like the W-T, then we are in for much worse. We can't wait until the editorial becomes the law and the fight to move out of Harlem becomes truly "illegal."


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## We Pick: Dodgers, Indians

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# HERE'S WHAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY WANTS FOR HARLEM



Harlemites at a Communist Party meeting.

The Harlem Regional Committee of the Communist Party this week set down an historic program for building a united Negro people's liberation movement in the community. In an address to party leaders and members at the United Mutual Auditorium last Thursday, Herbert L. Wheeldin, Executive Secretary of the Harlem Regional Committee outlined the program and the method of achieving its realization.

Colonial reaction to the treatment of the Negro people in America has transformed the Negro question into "a major international issue," Wheeldin declared. He cited a letter to the recently held C.P. National Committee meeting from national chairman William Z. Foster, which stated, "For their shameful treatment of the Negro people, the capitalist reactionaries are now paying dearly in the colonial world."

This fact, Wheeldin asserted, "requires that the Negro liberation movement must move consciously into the international arena."

This means, he declared, that "new millions of supporters can be rallied and won to the fight for freedom of the Negro people in America . . . on the issue of peace. For the fight for peace by the Negro pepople is more than (just) the battle for peace. It is inseparably linked up with the struggle for freedom." The Soviet Union has recognized this, the Communist leader pointed out, and its

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# A NEGRO STATE SENATOR IN 1950!

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# Harlem Communists Launch 'Worker' Sub Drive



WHEELDIN



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## *Davis, Wheeldin Urge Party Organizations Add 1,500 Subscribers to Paper*

***Leaders say that increased circulation of fighting paper is essential in the fight against jimcrow. War danger and threats against civil liberties are factors in stepping up drive for reaching masses with workers' fight for peace and freedom.***

We are proud to announce that the Harlem Regional Committee of the Communist Party has begun a campaign to obtain 1,500 new subscribers for the Harlem Edition of The Worker. These new subs will be brought in between April 15 and June 15 by Communist Party members and their friends.

In its one year of publication, the Harlem Edition of The Worker has more than proven its worth to the community. It has been a fighting paper — exposing, and organizing group action against the conditions which harass Harlem citizens.

In many instances rent has been reduced for families whose story was told first in the Harlem Edition; aid and sustenance was secured for the triplet daughters of Mrs. Mildred Warnic; landlords have been pressured into renovating run-down apartments when their conditions were spotlighted by The Worker. And it has become much harder to white-wash the brutality of Harlem cops since the Harlem Edition's constant expose of lying police reports.

But more than that: Readers of the Harlem Edition can also look behind a story and find who is responsible for the jimcrow, the fire-and-rat-traps called houses. The Harlem Edition tells its readers, with the facts it gathers, just where the fight for their welfare has to be directed. And it advances the idea of unity in the fight. Unity of the Negro people; unity of the Negroes and their allies among the white workers and progressives throughout the city.

The solidarity of the white tenants of Stuyvesant Town shown to Harlem fire victims has proven the effectiveness of The Worker's position. The united city-wide fight of the unemployed and the Welfare workers against the starvation policy of Commissioner Raymond Hilliard is another example.

But over and above these services which the new paper has rendered is its refusal to isolate the issues that arise in Harlem from national and international developments. The mother whose child attends a crowded school gets to know that she and her child are victims of a cold war policy which gives priority to bombs and overseas political bribes. Peace, to Harlem Worker readers, is not something set aside for striped pants phoneys, but is the concern of those who sit in the Welfare Centers, members of Parent Teacher groups, the youthful ones who most often feel the business end of a cop's club.

The Harlem Worker is the voice of the workers in Harlem, calling attention to the fact that workers and oppressed peoples throughout the world are fighting one fight against a war being planned in Washington, and Wall Street, U. S. A.

This is a workers' paper, speaking for the most numerous class among us. The other weeklies, in one way or another, must serve political interests represented by big advertisers. The Harlem Edition is limited in its spokesmanship for the workers and the Negro people generally only by the extent of its readers' support.

Given tens of thousands of new readers for the Harlem Edition of The Worker, Harlem would not be the jimcrow community it is today. And such a readership would greatly influence developments among the Negro people throughout the country.

With this in view we have set ourselves the modest quota of 1,500 new readers in this campaign. But we do not intend to stop there, once we have attained our goal. We expect that the campaign will be continuous until there are tens of thousands readers of the Harlem Edition — all organized and conscious fighters for peace and freedom.

We call upon the members of the Communist Party in Harlem to pitch in immediately and start the subs rolling.

We call, especially, upon the Communists who work in industry — railroad, garment, laundry, marine — to organize visits among your fellow workers who live in Harlem to make them subscribers to The Worker.

We call upon the Communist women, the mothers who are beset by the problems of educating children and creating a healthful atmosphere in which they can grow, to make readers of your neighbors. Enlist them in the fight for better todays and tomorrows.

And we call upon our host of friends who read the Harlem Edition and applaud on the side lines to join our brigades in rolling up the list of well-informed freedom-fighters in Harlem.

Time is short! The big money representatives in Congress — and elsewhere — are working overtime to establish their kind of fascism. Throughout the world they are waving their bombs, stroking their slavewhips, talking loud, shooting at the first sound of the word "freedom."

But nearly one-half of the world's population is organized on the side of peace and freedom. The Harlem Edition of The Worker has a program for joining the arms of our community with that freedom army — the army of workers and peoples destined to place the banner of peace and brotherhood where jimcrow, colonialism, H-bomb scares and organized misery now prevail.

## 11th A. D. AIMS FOR 1,500

THE 11th A. D. intends to walk off with all of the prizes in the campaign for 1,500 new readers to the Harlem Edition of the Worker.

The Bannaker Club of the 11th A. D. has already assured us that it will complete the drive by the May 14th meeting.

Grace Campbell Club has accepted the challenge of the Bannaker Club.

"How about the other clubs? We think that the Abraham Lincoln Club could complete their quota by May 14th, too.

THE 13TH A. D. SHOULD not permit the 11th A. D. to continue to win all of the prizes in every campaign. The secret to becoming a pace-setting section is to have clubs that are out in the community daily, participating in the fight for better housing, against welfare cuts and for more schools in the community.

WE WILL PRINT ALL LETTERS sent to us by section and clubs on their plans for the press campaign.

The Bannaker Club is having a press party this Saturday, April 15th. Other clubs take note.


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## Cyprus Women Send Plea for Mrs. Ingram

The Cyprus Progressive Woman's Union has asked President Truman to order the release of Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and her two sons from prison, it was learned this week.

The women of the Mediterranean island told the President:

"Your Excellency and the various Secretaries of the U. S. government very often speak and write about the adherence of your country and your people to the principles of freedom and equality. The Ingram case is a good opportunity to prove it."

Mrs. Ingram and her two sons, Sammy and Wallace, were sentenced to die Feb. 27, 1948 for defending her honor against a white farmer who attacked her with a rifle and knife. Their case has been placed before the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

Worldwide protests followed their imprisonment. Dr. Jan Drohojowsky, Polish delegate to the UN, called it "the most flagrant and brazen violation of human rights."

## Push Ballots for Peace

Ballot For Peace Week—April 10-16—was launched in South Jamaica, Laurelton and Ozone Park with side-walk tables for balloters and crews of vote-getters knocking on doors.

One Communist Party club obtained 56 signatures in less than an hour. The goal set for the week for all participating groups was 1,000. Throughout most Long Island communities the American Labor Party was active with canvassing teams getting votes for peace.

A South Jamaica outdoor peace rally is scheduled for Saturday, April 15.

## Winston, Davis to Address Harlem Rally on May 14

Henry Winston, Communist Party national administrative secretary, and Benjamin J. Davis, chairman of the Party's Harlem Regional Committee will be principal speakers at a meeting on May 14 outlining a fighting program for peace and freedom. The meeting will be held in Renaissance Casino, 138 St. and Seventh Ave., at 3 p.m.

One of the points scheduled to be dealt with at the meeting is the fight for jobs for Negroes. Employment figures show that joblessness among Negroes is already more than half that of white workers.

In announcing the meeting, leaders said it was to be the first public discussion of the Communist program for peace and freedom adopted at the recent meeting of the national committee in New York City.

It was also stated that the meeting will serve as a "half-way" check mark in the drive for 1,500 new subscribers for the Harlem Edition of The Worker.

Admission to the meeting is 25 cents, but persons obtaining subscriptions to the Harlem Edition during the drive will be admitted free.

# Civil Rights Front

By Pete R. Morrow

**THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS** reports it is winding up preparations for a broad anti-Mundt Bill lobby in Washington this Tuesday and Wednesday. Calling for every progressive organization to participate in the lobby, the CRC urges an intensified campaign of letters, telegrams, petitions and resolutions to Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas. Delegates will be briefed in Washington tomorrow (Monday) night at lobby headquarters, 930 F. St., N.W.

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**STAND BY FOR A RAM!** The "findings" of the so-called Grand Jury investigating the Peekskill violence are expected to be released within the next couple of weeks. The jury's report should be a dilly, since it has been deliberating for some time now without hearing the testimony of the leading participants in the democratic Robeson rally. The jury is controlled byy the same officials who organized the hoodlum mob which stoned women and children. Letters of protest should be sent to Westchester County District Attorney Fanelli demanding that the victims be heard, and to Gov. Dewey calling for action against the mobsters.

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**IF FLETCHER MILLS IS EXTRADITED** from Pennsylvania to Alabama under the Federal Fugitive Act, no Negro who crosses a state line to escape a lynch mob will be safe. Mills' case is now on its way to the Supreme Court after Pennsylvania courts refused to bar Alabama's vicious and illegal use of the Fugitive act. Letters to Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson, U.S. Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., urging that the Court agree to review Mills' case, may help save not only Mills but many future victims of mob violence.

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**THE FIGHT TO FREE THE TRENTON SIX** goes on. Petitions and mass meetings are being stepped up to keep this case in the forefront of the civil rights fight, despite attempts of New Jersey authorities to drag out the re-trial of these frame-up victims until America forgets. The Six have refused court-appointed attorneys, have demanded lawyyers of their own choosing. Hearings on this phase of the case may delay their re-trial until 1951. Demands must be registered strongly with Gov. Driscoll of N. J. for immediate unconditional release of the Trenton Six. At the same time, demands for bail must go to Driscoll, Judge Hutchinson and Prosecutor Mario Volpe.

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**FUNDS ARE BEING SOLICITED** for the defense of Clarence Henderson, young Negro farmer sentenced to the electric chair by an all-white Georgia jury which deliberated for an hour and twenty minutes. Henderson was convicted of rape despite the fact that the woman he allegedly "attacked" never stated that Henderson was her attacker. Contributions should be addressed to Larkin Marshall, 1115 Broadway, Macon, Ga.

# Did You Ever Eat A Ring-Bali Straw?

By Ann Rivington

How many Harlem jobless could live Hilliard-style for one month on the money spent by one Park Ave. dame for her Easter outfit?

The Harlem Edition of The Worker investigated, basing calculations on the ads appearing in Sunday's New York Times. Here's the stuff:

For a dress, we put our ritzy dame in a "cool but covered" little number of tissue faille from Hattie Carnegie's, for $125. For a hat, we gave her an oval-crowned pill-box, discreet like anything, made of "ring-bali" straw, whatever that is, and "lit up" with velvet. It's available at Henri Bendel's for $33.

We gave her Capri sandals from Milgrim's for a mere $18.95, "proving that smart shoes need not be expensive." Her doeskin-finished lambskin gloves, $11.95, and "sorcery sheer" nylons, $1.95, came from Best & Co. She wore a natural ranch mink hug-me-tight—not even quite a coat—for $1,800 at Bergdorf-Goodman's.

So as not to overdo things, we didn't pay for her underwear. But, to pin on her corsage, we gave her an "exclusive glittering safety pin" from Saks Fifth Ave. for $35, and an "April shower of diamonds" from Van Clef & Arpel's, ear-rings for $3,350, marked down from $4,200, and a diamond clip which is a bargain at $8,900, since the regular price is $12,500.

The whole works added up to fourteen thousand one hundred and seventy-five bucks and eighty-five cents, without tax.

At the Hilliard average of $56 monthly relief, this would keep 253 Harlem unemployed alive for one month. It would keep one hungry man for more than 21 years. Probably the tax would be enough to give him a splendid funeral.

# Miami Negroes Hit AFL Bias

Officials of the Miami, Fla., AFL Building Trades Union this week ducked a meeting with Negro skilled workers protesting the union's jimcrow and the resulting unemployment.

The officials claimed they had already "overstepped" their international rules in helping Negro workers and declined to meet with the workers' Right to Work Committee, set up to combat the exclusion policy.

Eli Lazare, business agent for the Miami Painters local, said the painters' international officers have banned establishment of a Negro local or admission of Negroes in already established locals.

In an open letter to Miami citizens, the workers wrote:

"By fostering these jimcrow policies . . . the local leadership has jeopardized the position of all trade unionists in Miami as well as throughout the country.

# N.Y. Record Reveals 'No Negroes' Sign On Political Posts

By John Brock

In their frenzy to "get" Adam Clayton Powell, the only progressive Negro in Congress, the leaders of the two old war parties and their little sling-shot Liberal servant have tried to cover the real situation of Negroes in the government with red-hunting bluster.

A review of the representation of New York Negroes in government exposes the basic jimcrow character of the government and points up the necessity of electing at least one Negro State Senator. The record is enough to make even the most conservative Negro or placid liberal flush with anger. It shows that:

• The 700,000 Negroes in New York City are represented by only one Negro Congressman, Adam Clayton Powell, while the 6,300,000 whites have 23 representatives. In other words there is one white representative for each 273,913 white New Yorkers and only one Negro for 700,000.

• There is not one Negro in the U.S. Senate although 12 States have populations of less than 700,000 and have two Senators representing each one.

• There are no Negro Supreme Court Justices, no Negroes among the 12 Federal District Judges in the Southern District (New York). There are no Negroes among the 68 New York City Justices of the State Supreme Court, and no Negroes among the 21 General Sessions and County courts in N.Y.C.

• Of New York City's 67 representatives in the State Assembly, there are only five Negroes; of the 25 New York City State Senators, none.

• There are no Negroes at the head of any of the City departments, none on the President's cabinet, and none on the Governor's staff or cabinet.

Frank M. Folsom, millionaire president of the Radio Corporation of America, speaking to an Urban League meeting in the Hotel McAlpin recently, advised Negroes that "when we encounter a rejection, we must be sure that it is not really due to an honest, however unpalatable, appraisal of our personality, before we have the bloody flag of discrimination."

The above facts might indicate, according to Mr. Folsom, that "an honest appraisal" of the "personality" of New York City's 700,000 Negroes is responsible for their wholesale exclusion from representation, and not the organized jimcrow of the Democratic, Republican, and Liberal parties.

The masses of Negro people who are not psychologists and are not interested in being physcoanalyzed, however, are increasing their demand for representation of Negroes in ALL governing bodies, and are concentrating their efforts in electing a Negro State Senator from Harlem in 1950.

# Happy First Birthday



The Warnic triplets, Monica, Robertha and Valerie, will be one year old on Saturday, April 15. However, the three growing Misses have consented to wait until the next afternoon, Sunday, to have their birthday party. They invite everyone who reads the Harlem Edition of The Worker to celebrate with them and share their birthday cake and soda. The place: 257 W. 122nd St., third floor. The time: 1 p.m.

# How About That

By Les U. Knight

**THERE ARE SUSPICIONS** flying about that the new "Friends of the NAACP" being established in Harlem is really a Wilkins-inspired move to sabotage the progressive New York branch . . . and those suspicious sources name a wealthy, white, Greenide, Conn., insurance broker as the $$$ and "brains" behind the movement. . . . The names of Mrs. Roy Wilkins and Mrs. Pearl Brown on the list of sponsors seem to give some grounds for the suspicions . . . and there is the fact that the press releases announcing the setting up of the Friends was handled through the NAACP national office. . . . We hope that the suspicions are without foundation and that such plain treason is beyond even "Uncle" Roy, but we shall see. . . . How about that, Roy?

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**CROP AND SPURS, INC.,** promises a swell time for the young people at its dance at Club Sudan on April 21. . . . The club specializes in horseback riding, but pledges that you will not have to dance with horses at the affair. . . . Tix may be gotten from the club president, Lawrence E. Peterson, 73 W. 140th St., Apt. 3E.

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**LANGSTON HUGHES** has just published a new book . . . **Simple Speaks His Mind,** a collection of choice samples of what Harlemites are thinking about these days. . . . The book indicates a real understanding of present-day Negro folklore which Hughes and few others have grasped.

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**THE COMMITTEE OF UNEMPLOYED YOUTH** has opened an Unemployed Youth Canteen at 257 Seventh Ave., between 24th and 25th Sts., where young job-seekers can relax with movies, discussions, crackers and coffee between 1 p.m. and 5 Mondays through Fridays. . . . Members of the committee will be on hand to give guidance on unemployment insurance and relief. . . . They have announced that a Canteen will be set up in Harlem soon.

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**WE MADE A MISTAKE** last week in announcing that the dance sponsored by the Dining Car and Food Workers was to be held on April 26. . . . The correct date is APRIL 27. . . . Sorry.

# Holiday Greetings Pour In For Trenton 6

TRENTON.—Easter and Passover—holidays of resurrection and freedom for Christains and Jews in the search for justice—penetrated the gray walls of Mercer County Jail last Sunday.

For the Trenton Six it was the second Easter they had spent in jail for a murder they never committed.

But to the six—Collie English, McKinley Forest, Ralph Cooper, James Thorpe, Horace Wilson, John McKenzie — came messages of fighting cheer from Jews and Christains for whom Passover and Easter have a living meaning.

Wrote David Vines, executive secretary of the New Jersey Jewish People's Fraternal Order: "In the spirit of our Passover tradition, we pledge to re-dedicate ourselves to the struggle for justice by redoubling our efforts to win your freedom." [illegible]

Easter and Passover greetings were received by the six framed men from the Joint Board of the Fur and Leather Workers Union, District 4 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, state leaders of the Progressive Party, Young Progressives of America, United Office and Professional Workers of America, Congress of American Women, Elwood Dean, education director of the N.J. Communist Party and Civil Rights Congress leaders throughout the state.

"On this Easter Day, the people of New Jersey are mindful of their solemn task to carry through the campaign for your freedom," wrote CRC secretary Lewis Moroze. "Your courage is the well-spring from which we continue to fight until the battle for justice has been won."

# Anti-Semitic Sheets Get Big Coca Cola Ads

**Americans who put down their nickels for the "pause that refreshes" may unwittingly be helping to "refresh" the treasury of an anti-Semitic Ku Klux Klan hate-sheet. For, according to the publication, Opinion, A Journal of Jewish Life and Letters, two Ku Klux-ish papers, papers, Parson Jack and Johnson's Georgia Tribune are being supported by national advertising from the Coca-Cola Co.**

The Klan is violently anti-Catholic, as is well known; and Coca-Cola boss James A. Farley is probably the most prominent Catholic layman in America.

But both Farley and the Klan are notoriously pro-fascist and anti-Communist.

And, declares Joseph Brainin in Opinion (in his article, A Call To Action; The Rebirth of Oragnized Anti-Semitism work in America):

"... the Klan has also intensified its anti-Semitic work in accordance with the Merwin K. Hart formula of indentifying Jews with Communists."

HART, the head of the pro-fascist National Economic Council, claims to have discovered "atomic anti-Semitism", according to Brainin. For "why revive the dusty, discredited legend of the "Elders of Zion", when one can make the absurd story of a Zionist-Communist alliance palatable to big business?"

"Never before (except possibly at the very height of the Hitler regime)" declared Brainin, "has so much money been spent in America for the production and distribution of literature directed against the Jews."

"Over $1,000,000 was collected by the leading bigots in a 12-month period," the annual survey of race prejudice made public by the Anti-Defamation League last week disclosed.

Merwin Hart's outfit got "at least $140,000" in 1949, the League reported; Gerald L. K. Smith "more than $150,000"; Gerald Winrod, "about $100,000"; Upton Close, $50,000; Joseph P. Kamp, $50,000 and Allan Zoll, former fund-raiser for both Hart and Kamp, $40,000.

"Fifty-seven anti-Semitic organizations were active in 1949", according to the League.

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WARNING AGAINST "indifference" being shown by Jewish organizations and the concentration of "virtually" all attention on the new state of Israel, Brainin explains that people must not be lulled because:

"In the past few years anti-Jewish feeling has no longer manifested itself through the relatively petty means of physical violence or destruction of property (the short-range anti-Semitic policy), but has entered the psuedo-respectable phase of natonwide 'education' (the long-rang policy of anti-Semitism)."

The Peekskill riots of last summer, Brainin says, marked a return to this "short-range policy."

Financing this "education" in fascist anti-Semitism, by contributions to Hart's organization, Brainin declares, is a roster of major corporations and prominent individuals, including Lammot duPont; Union Carbide; Gulf Oil; Empire State Building Corp.; American Cyanid; Mohawk Carpet Mills; ex-Senator Albert Hawkes and John J. Raskob.

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THE WALL STREETERS pay for the dissemination of such poison as the following excerpts from Hart's news-letter:

"The fact is that Zionists and Communist influence (at times the one is stronger, at times the other—frequently they work together) has dictated and controlled practically all moves of American foreign policy since 1933". Substituting the name "Zionist" for "Jew", Hart goes on to say that "these forces dictated the setting up of the UNRA under the control, first of Zionist Herbert H. Lehman and second, of Zionist LaGuardia."

Brainin lists many other anti-Semitic hate sheets. Rapping the "irresponsible action" of the leaders of the American Jewish Committee and others who participated along with Hart and other anti-Semites in the "All-America Conference to Fight Communism" last January he called for "unity" and "vigilant and militant defense" to stem the "rising tide of anti-Jewish feeling."



ASKS RIGHT OF ASYLUM: Mrs. Eleanor Wheeler joins with her husband in asking Czechoslovakia to grant them a haven. George S. Wheeler (left) and Jiri Hronek, secretary of the International Organization of Journalists, pictured last week in Prague.

# Americans to Stay In Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE.—Two years ago an American journalist and economist came here to study. Now he asks that the Czechoslovak government grant him and his family a haven here as a political refugee. He is youngish looking 42-year-old George S. Wheeler of Rollingway, Wash., wartime economist in the U. S. War Department, postwar head of the denazification branch and policy chief for the labor office in the American Zone of Germany.

In announcing his decision to a meeting of journalists here he said: "I came to know Czechoslovakia well. I became acquainted with her people, her endeavors and her constructive efforts . . . and I also got to know real democracy.

"Today I am casting up accounts—comparing an America of Wall Street, Truman and Acheson, warmongers and atomic gangsters with the earnest efforts of Czechoslovakia to strengthen the peace front. . . . I declare before the world that I condemn and repudiate the war policy of American imperialism. I want to have nothing in common with the Gestapo methods of American policy. . . . I place myself proudly in the camp of peace and progress. I ask the Czechoslovak government to grant asylum to me and to my family and to give me the possibility of offering our training and knowledge to the world fight for peace."

## this is capitalism

### War's a Blessing to Capitalism

BOSTON.—When Communists and others says that capitalism needs and incites wars, they are reviled as "foreign agents." But Boston Globe business columnist T.G.M. admits: "War, of course, is the great alleviative to any economic problem with its astronomical consumption of goods while at the same time it draws manpower heavily away from the labor force."

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### Who Gets Rooked on Taxes? Right!

DETROIT.—Chrysler, Ford, Hudson, Kaiser-Frazer, Burroughs Adding Machine and other industrial giants got millions in tax cuts courtesy of the city treasurer. Chrysler got an $18,481,600 cut in 'personal property' assessment, saving $700,000 in taxes. The Michigan edition of The Worker, which owns all of five battered typewriters and some old desks, got a tax increase!

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### Not His Fault, But He Has to Pay

LOCKHART, Texas.—William Hagedorn, 77-year-old farmer, has to pay $3,126.84 plus costs as "damages" to a couple whose car went off the road near his farm to avoid hitting a mule. But the mule wasn't Hagedorn's, and the first court which held the old man responsible, on the plaintiff's say-so, never even notified Hagedorn to appear. The Texas Supreme Court finally ruled that the mule wasn't Hagedorn's all right, but he'd have to pay the $3,126.84 plus, anyhow, because he hadn't been "diligent in protecting his rights." The sum is far more than foreign-born Hagedorn has saved all his life. Ain't capitalist justice wonderful?

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### Sinclair Oil's Biggest Take

NEW YORK.—The Sinclair Oil Corp. has announced a net profit for 1949 of $54,073,338, after first deducting $5,000,000 for "possible losses in foreign exploratory operations." The take marked the company's second highest in its history.

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### 32 Living in One Room

DENVER.—A Denver census-taker found 32 persons living in one tiny five-room house, toolshed and garage. The household included a railroad laborer, his wife, 11 unmarried children, five married daughters, their husbands and nine grandchildren.

# Children, Above All, Loved Woodson

## MAN WHO PIONEERED STUDY OF NEGRO HISTORY INSPIRED MILLIONS

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON.—Of all the honors he ever won, Dr. Carter Woodson cherished most the home made scroll presented him by some Washington school children, his friends.

For Dr. Woodson, the son of former slaves, coal miner, teacher, author, and one of the all time great historians in the land, cherished children as much as they loved him.

They surrounded him, bouncing and shouting, whenever he walked the streets around his office in the vast jimcrow ghetto of the capital city. He sought their company, filling them with stories of the Negro lore he had accumulated in his mind and books for 40 years.

Mainly through his tireless work over those years, he inculcated his love for history, his burning desire to search out the truth about his people, into the minds of his children. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, followed him. They became diggers for the truth in the life and history of the Negro people.

When he died in his small apartment over his office on April 3, the world lost a gentle giant, a modern day John Henry and Paul Bunyon.

Almost singlehandedly, this straight-backed, strong-faced man resurrected his people's lost history, the buried legends of their struggles for freedom.

He was filled with a purpose as great as the strength of the two legendary giants. With his quick, retentive, orderly mind he plowed up the neglected facts about his people's history and set out their contributions to the world for the world to see and to use against those who would enslave Negroes and other peoples.

His genius as an organizer guided the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. And as its director he founded the authoritative Journal of Negro History, for historians and researchers, and later the Negro History Bulletin, for school children and teachers.

As an author, he was prolific. He produced eight books, hundreds of articles, several surveys, and for the last six years had been writing a six volume Encyclopedia Africana.

When he found that few publishers would print his books, or other books about the Negro people, he founded the Associated Publishers "to make possible the publication and circulation of valuable books on the Negro not acceptable to most publishers."

He learned early that the rich money grubbing class had no use for his efforts to develop historical research and bring its results to the people.

The wealthy tried to wreck his campaign. But the working people rallied to his support—in the heart of the depression. The Association has been financially stable since then.

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Largely through his efforts, the nation today celebrates Negro History Week every February. He organized the campaign to dramatize the achievements of the Negro people. Later he said, the creation of that week "exposed the bias in textbooks, bared the prejudice of teachers, and compelled" treating the Negro people in history as other people are treated.

Dr. Woodson would have been 75 on Dec. 19. For 40 years of his life he dug in the rich veins of history just as he dug coal in Fayette county, West Virginia to earn enough money to go to high school.

Those years in the pits, and his earlier years on a Virginia farm helping his parents, tied him to the working class. He never lost those ties. They could not be cut, no matter how vicious the attacks against him were. And they were vicious in 1919 when he maintained sympathy for the Russian working people and their goal of Socialism. In recent years, he still insisted that the drive of oppressed people throughout the world toward Socialism was just, necessary—and inevitable. He saw it coming in China and Africa and was glad.



DR. CARTER WOODSON

# Pulse Beat

By Eva Harris

**SOME OF THE COLOR** has been taken out of the Easter season for the working people. I asked Vernon Williams just what was different about this Easter and he replied: "It's simple, Eva—people just don't have the money."

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**THREE YOUNG LEADERS** of the Pontier Democratic Youth group have joined in anti-progressive attacks on the Young Progressives of America. The group as a whole tried recently to become truly representative of our entire community, but their wishes for such a program are being dashed by three leaders with other, and reactionary, ideas. What a shame!

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**EVERYONE IS INVITED**—young and old—to the Third Anniversary Dance of the Lemuel Haynes Congregational Church. The affair will be held April 25, at 7 p.m., at the Broadway Tabernacle with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt as speaker and Carol Brice, concert artist, a guest soloist.

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**NEGRO HEROISM SELDOM** gets headline attention in the Long Island Press. News of Negro crime most always rates page one, but not the heroic rescue work of Mrs. Alice Winfrey, who last week saved her friend, Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, 30, and her nine-month-old baby from a fire. The fire started in Mrs. Thomas' home, 108-51 169 Place, South Jamaica, when cleaning fluid she was using ignited. Trapped by the flames her screams were heard by Mrs. Winfrey, who dashed into the burning house and brought her friend and her child to safety.

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**I HOPE THAT THE NEW OFFICERS** of the Jamaica Athletic Center, installed last week, will launch a constructive program for the youth of South Jamaica. Quite a responsibility for this rests on the shoulders of the president, Harry Brown. There's plenty for all of us to do, so let's lay the small issues aside and work for a real youth-building program in the Merrick community center and the Jamaica Athletic Center.

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**PRETTY IRENE DONOVAN**, a local girl, has been joined in wedlock to Charles Harris of the Bronx. The groom is the pianist with the Doc Sausage Band. Good luck to the couple!

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**To Claudia Jones: Welcome to Jamaica!**

# Civil Rights Meet Tackles Job Bias

Job discrimination, housing jimcrow and the YMCA color-bar were targets set by the Long Island Conference for Civil Rights which met last Monday night. The Atlantic and Pacific stores were singled out as one of the hold-outs against hiring Negroes, and a program was adopted aimed at forcing a change in the company's employment policies.

Protests were asked to be sent to the Jamaica YMCA, attention of Mrs. Arrow, against that organization's exclusion of Negro members. A "Right to Shelter" committee was established to push the fight against Levittown jimcrow.

Joseph Kane, ALF trade union leader pledged to the conference that more and more trade unions would be drawn into the anti-discrimination fight.

# Negroes Face Fascist Peril

CHICAGO—At a packed meeting of the South Side section of the Communist Party held last weekend, Pettis Perry, chairman of the National Negro Commission of the Party, declared that the main question facing the Negro people today is the threat of war and the danger of the fascism in America.

"We must understand," Perry asserted, "what is happening in America and its special significance to the Negro people."

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Mr. Perry pointed to the increasing violence against the Negro people, disclosing statistics of Negroes killed in the hands of the police; the increases of jailing Negroes on whatever pretext so that, for instance, the Reform School in Illinois held 65% Negro inmates. "This is part of the white pattern of big business," he said. "This picture is duplicated in many States."

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**CITING THE ENEMIES** of the Negro people who are helping to divide and disrupt the unity of the people, Mr. Perry pointed to Roy Wilkins, Glouster Current, Willard Townsend and others who are peddling the Marshall Plan as being helpful to Africa. "This is not true," Perry declared. He disclosed that in all Marshall plan countries and colonies, America was "putting another yoke on the necks of the Africans on top of British and Belgian." He declared that the African people were fighting back. "100,000 demonstrating telling the British to get out of Africa. In Nigeria there are national strikes to simply raise the living standards up to 50 cents a day," Perry said. "This is how helpful the Marshall plan is to the African people."

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**OUR JOB IS TO FIGHT** for the liberation of all colonial people," Mr. Perry asserted. "Peace is a big job and no group has a bigger stake in it than the Negroes. Negroes are told to fight for democracy, but not jimcrow, fight for democracy but can't tamper with agencies of the army."

"The success of the cold war depends upon violence against the Negro people; driving us out of industry, as in the Railroad today by the reactionary leadership of the Brotherhood," he said, "yet we are being told that we must have civil rights because we must help the cold war. It's contradictory like running with the hare while hunting with the hounds! We can't do both!"

In discussing the attacks against the Party and the whipping up of hysteria, Mr. Perry asserted that this is not the only method used in their big war drive by big business. They are also boring from within. He stated that FBI agents or dupes were being sent into Negro movements and urged vigilance and smoking out these enemies. He stated that Trotskyites and Social Democrats were not to be trusted and quoting Frederick Douglass, he said: "You mut watch those who get old clothes from the big house."

"We are proud to be humble students of Marxism-Leninism," Mr. Perry said. "Under this influence there are now 800 million people in the world marching under the banner of socialism."

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## EYES ON Africa

**THE ELECTION BY THE SOUTH AFRICANS** of Communists to represent them in the "white only" parliament, the united defense of chief Seretse Khama and the postwar African strike wave signify a high point of anti-fascist, anti-imperialist struggle. These recent developments justify the prophetic analysis of Africa as a "blazing furnace of mass revolutionary activity."

As far back as 1924 plans were being completed to corral six-sevenths of the African population on 29,000,000 acres. The Europeans, only one-fifth of the population, seized 232,000,000 acres for themselves. The situation has since become worse. Population has increased two-fold. Soil erosion and loss of fertility has destroyed cattle and livestock due to overstocking, and there have been no improvements in agricultural techniques.

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**RESERVATIONS ARE NO LONGER** able to fulfill their purpose as bases for African forced labor. A government report in 1930 said that "conditions in the . . . native areas" were creating "desert conditions."

Unable to exist on the reservations, large sections of the African population have braved terrorist opposition and have settled in the large cities. While the whites are still the majority in the large urban areas, the proportion of Africans has steadily increased. For the first time older men and also women and children are residents of cities.

Constituting only a small group in Cape Town as late as 1936, the present African population there of 70,000 is considered a "phenomenal increase." The African population of Durban is 109,000. And the same increases hold true for Johannesburg, Pretoria and Port Elizabeth.

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**THE ATTEMPT TO STEM THIS MOUNTING** tide explains all recent racist legislation and the renewed and intensified emphasis placed on the pass law system. Under the Urban Areas (Natives) Act of 1945, gainful employment is the only justification for the presence of an African outside of the reservations. Africans may be refused admission into the "proclaimed area" or even transported from it when the African population is "in excess of the reasonable labor requirements of the area." But because of vigorous protest action by the Africans and difficulties of enforcement, this law could not be carried out completely.

Thus, the attempt of the fascist barbarians to keep the Africans in the condition of migratory workers rocking back and forth between the farms and mines and the reservations has failed.

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**THE JERICHO WALLS** built up by South African reaction are already crumbling, and cannot stem the surush. A settled, stable and organized working class is being formed. Its strength is increasing daily and this explains some of the hysteria prevalent in Cape Town, Washington and London. The blows of the South African working class are still to come, events of the recent past are only a prologue.




## Claudia Jones To Address Meet In Jamaica



Claudia Jones, secretary of the National Women's Commission of the Communist Party, will speak in South Jamaica at Communist Party headquarters, 107-04 New York Blvd., Friday, April 221, 8:30 p.m.

Miss Jones will speak on Winning the Negro Women in the Struggle for Peace.

The public is invited.

## No Jimcrow Germs?

Just about the last word in Jimcrow is the Missouri Pacific Hospital, operated by chairmen of various Railroad Brotherhoods in St. Louis, Mo. The institution has a "colored" ward. Silverware is stamped "c" for use by Negro patients. Sheets and pillow cases are separated for racial use.

The "colored" ward is located in the basement near the boiler room.

Patients of the hospital have asked that protests against their treatment be sent to the railroad brotherhoods and to the hospital.

## Lack Decent Plumbing

CHICAGO. — Some 106,000 Chicago families are without a private bath, private flush toilet or running water, it was reported this week in a survey by the University of Chicago and the U. S. Census Bureau.

The survey also showed that 46 percent of the private homes in the city have mortgages.

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# What C. P. Wants for Harlem

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People have been drawn closer to the Negro people in the United States because of it.

"The police brutality and the lynching and violence practiced against the Negro and Puerto Rican people today, are but a dress rehearsal for the wholesale violence which would result from a war tomorrow. To the Communist Party, Wheeldin emphasized. "We must help to create a united . . . movement for peace and freedom of such size and proportions that the average citizen of Harlem will not go to bed at night without asking himself the question: What have I done today to win peace and advance the cause of freedom?"

Wheeldin warned that the liberation movement of the Negro people would be considerably weakened unless there was widespread realization of the danger of war resulting in a vigorous anti-war drive in the Negro communities.

He noted that the giant struggles of the colonial peoples of Africa and Asia against the expansion of American and British imperialism, illustrate the unity of the fight against war and the fight for liberation. He pointed out that "the once-lowly Chinese coolie who used his body to pull the rickshaw—the Chinese worker and peasant . . . is now master in his own house."

The struggle of the West Indian people against "the vicious Judd Bill and against the campaign of underground terror being waged by the government against them in Harlem . . . is part of the fight of the West Indian peoples in the island for freedom," he said, but asserted that these struggles are not yet "consciously merged with the world-wide struggle for peace and against the Wall Street warmongers."

### SPOT UNCLE TOMS

Exposing the campaign of the Truman administration to enlist traitorous uncle toms and Social-Democrats to eat away at the Negro freedom movement from the inside, Wheeldin called for the isolation of "political parasites such as A. Philip Randolph,



MRS. INGRAM

Willard Townsend, and, pardon the expression, George Schuyler." He also named, in that category, Frank Crosswaith, George Weaver, and Boyd Wilson, union "leaders," and others.

### COLD WAR PRISONER

The movement for peace and freedom in Harlem "must include everybody who is willing to work and fight for peace, bar none," Wheeldin declared, "and it is only natural that a major role will be undertaken by Negro women."

"Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram may be rightly called the first prisoner and victim of the Truman war program . . . (and) Mrs. Amy Mallard,—is she not a victim of the bi-partisan program of Wall St. which encourages the fascist murderers in the South to lynch and mutilate?"

Wheeldin urged all Communists "reach out into the Parent Teachers Associations . . . the thousands of unorganized women," and to help organize "baby carriage parades among mothers, peace petitions, church services for peace, delegations to the United Nations in behalf of Mrs. Ingram, street rallies of women, chain letters . . . every possible form of organizing consistent action."

### NO JIMCROW ARMY

"The masses of Negro youth—and especially the veterans—have no intention of fighting for Wall St. and against the Soviet Union," Wheeldin said. "The youth must establish a program based on the special problems facing them—against militarism and jimcrow in the armed services, against the draft, against the demogogy of Truman about so-called integration of Negro soldiers in the armed services."

Declaring that, "Perhaps the greatest immediate danger to the liberty of the Negro people is the fascist Mundt bill," which "would have the effect of outlawing the Negro liberation movement," the Negro leader called for full participation in the April 18th delegation to Washington protesting the bill. ". . . make the city ring with the cry 'FEPC NOW — MUNDT BILL NEVER'."

Affirming the Communist Party's support to the program of the local NAACP, Wheeldin warned against a campaign to undermine the organization in which Alfred Baker Lewis, millionaire insurance broker and a member of the phony Socialist Party, is said to be participating.

### HARLEM PEACE FRONT

Above all, Wheeldin asserted, is the need for unity. He called for "Negro-Puerto Rican unity,

**Immediate features of the Communist Party fall election program for Harlem are:**

**1. Election of a Negro to the State Senate. The C.P. calls for a coalition of all political parties to break the lily-white character of the State Senate, and puts forth the possibility of the election of a Negro woman.**

**2. The reelection of Congressman Vito Marcantonio.**

**3. The election of a Puerto Rican to the State Assembly from the 14th Assembly District.**

**4. The election of a corps of progressive assemblymen from Harlem, including several ALP candidates.**

**5. Support for Congressman Powell, if he runs for reelection. Defeat the attempt to dictate to the voters by the old parties now threatening an anti-Powell gang-up.**

**6. The election of a Negro woman to the State Assembly, preferably on a coalition ticket.**



MRS. AMY MALLARD

Negro-Jewish unity, and Negro-white unity both inside of Harlem as well as with the labor movement outside the community. It seems to me that this calls for the establishment of an "All-Harlem Front for Peace, Freedom and Jobs."

Wheeldin named the rising progressive leadership in the community, including Paul Robeson, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, the ALP, the Harlem Trade Union Council, the United Harlem Unemployed Welfare and Consumer Council, the Civil Rights Congress, the Labor Youth League and the Communist Party.

"It is important to emphasize the basic role of the Harlem Trade Union Council in welding Negro-labor unity . . . this organization is the fundamental instrument for the extension of the Negro liberation movement. At the same time it serves to unite labor with this movement, to bring new forces and additional support to the Negro people from their allies."

The central task for the Communist Party, in order that it can give adequate and correct leadership in the building of a united Harlem movement for peace and freedom, the leader urged, is that of building the Party and extending the circulation and influence of the Harlem edition of the Worker.

"Let us never forget that we are the representatives of Socialism," he declared. "Our goal is to remake America so that people will be able to enjoy life—to make it a long, fruitful and happy experience."

"I have the greatest confidence in the ability of our party in Harlem to accomplish its tasks with honor. Under the leadership of Ben Davis and with the fine devoted body of members in Harlem, we can march ahead with the fullest confidence in the outcome," he concluded.

# KKK FIGHTS EASTER SUNDAY

A Ku Klux Klan shutdown of a special Easter Sunday service for Unadilla, Ga., Negroes was defied this week by a white minister who was scheduled to attend.

Rev. W. M. Flanders, white minister of the Unadilla Methodist Church, who received a Klan warning to stay away from the Little Camp Creek Baptist Church, vowed to return with his entire board of stewards just as soon as the service was rescheduled.

Leaders of the small Negro church, fearing a revival of Klan terror cancelled the service after the warning. The Klan burned a cross in the town less than a year ago, and many of the 2,000 residents recall its terror and violence.

"It was to be a special Easter afternoon service for the Rev. George Taylor," said Rev. Flanders. "He's 87 years old and he's been pastor of the Little Camp



Creek Baptist Church for 36 years now."

Rev. Flanders said the warning came by phone from a man disguising his voice.

"He asked me if I was going to conduct that service. Sure, I said, I was going to. I asked him if he was from the Klan, but he wouldn't commit himself. He just said, 'Don't be there'."




By Needles

HEADLINE (in the N. Y. Times): Bigotry Declines; Klan Is Fragmentized."

As any veteran knows, lots of people have been killed by fragments.

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No doubt President Truman and Mayor O'Dwyer, key figures in the Democratic "Civil Rights" Party, went vacationing in the sunny Jimcrow South to get a line on the problems of the Negro people. The line they got and are applying, however, is the one originally developed by Mason and Dixon.

# N. Y. Central Men Move To Oust Company Union

By Elihu S. Hicks

Company unionism is laying Negro railroad workers bare to increasing unemployment and starvation. This fact is being exposed by the militant campaign to organize N. Y. Central dining car and food workers into the independent Dining Car and Food Workers Union. Frantically trying to stem the growing mass movement into the young Dining Car union, the company-preferred AFL Hotel and Restaurant Workers Local 370 recently attempted to sabotage the seniority rights of the dissatisfied N. Y. members. The plot was put over under the name of "district seniority." This is how it worked:

Without consulting the New York workers, Local 370, imported old-timers with long service from Buffalo and claiming that their Buffalo seniority applied to New York attempted to place them in jobs first, thus throwing younger N. Y. workers out of work.

The crusading Dining Car union quickly exposed the plot and the angry workers joined up faster than ever.

In another sell-out, this one directly in the interests of the railroad owners, Local 370 signed a "backdoor" agreement with the Central abolishing the four-hour minimum pay for workers who are forced to wait around the yard all day for assignments. With the "covering pay" abolished, the company can call as many of the unemployed men into the yard as it wishes, making them spend whole days "on call" without pay.

With the help of its lackey-union New York Central now has 400 of its 800 dining car employees on the "furloughed" or "laid off" lists. In order that the Central could squeeze more work out of those workers who are working, Local 370 has instituted its own speed-up in the form of a "Rotary Board." This hiring system sometimes forces some workers to go out on two or three "runs" without giving the other "furloughed" workers a chance for one.

These and other anti-labor, pro-boss policies have aroused so much resentment among the workers, that overwhelming support for the Dining Car and R.R. Food Workers Union in the forthcoming elections is pretty well assured.

The company has become so afraid that its lap dog union will be unseated and replaced by the progressive Dining Car union, that it is resorting to open coercion and intimidation against the workers. However, each move by the company, directly or through Local 370, workers report, increases the ranks of those who wish to be represented by a fighting union.

**Eyes on Africa will appear this week on page 13**

## Note for an FEPC Law

Two of every three persons on relief in Chicago are Negroes. The same proportion prevails in Detroit.

**WORLD FIGURE, Paul Robeson was 52 last Sunday. The millions who wish him happy birthday, know him as great singer, distinguished actor, brilliant athlete, hero of Peekskill and hundreds of battles against oppression.**

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# TENANT STRIKE WINS 12% RENT CUT

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# WHY WAS B-29 OVER USSR?

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## How the Czechs Celebrated Easter

PRAGUE.—As they do every year at Easter, people of this Socialist land marked two minutes of silence for peace . . . and for the war dead of all lands. This year the people of Czechoslovakia interrupted their work, paused at whatever they were doing in two minutes of reverent silence also for those fighting for freedom—in China, in Viet Nam, Malaya.

Prague's meeting was sponsored jointly by the Czechoslovak Red Cross and the Committee of the Defenders of Peace and held at the House of Artists under the slogan: "Fight for Peace; for happy homes of working people!" Dr. Oldrich John, chairman of the National Assembly, which corresponds to the U. S. Congress, represented the President of the Republic at the ceremonies. Cabinet ministers, Mayor Vacek of Prague, members of the diplomatic corps of the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia's neighboring democracies also attended.



The photo shows (left to right): Mrs. H. Sperna, vice chairman of the National Assembly; Mrs. Oldrich John; Dr. John; and Gen. Alois Vicherek, chairman of the Red Cross.

# Silk Workers Hold For Wage Increase

**PATERSON, N. J.—Sixteen hundred plain goods silk workers, members of Local 75 of the Textile Workers Union of America (CIO) are still holding firm for their demands though TWUA Local 87 settled without an increase for 2,200 jacquard weavers.**

A Local 75 membership meeting Wednesday voted to stay out of Paterson's plain goods shops until the manufacturers were willing to make a specific offer to meet the silk weavers' five demands:

- A 10-cent hourly wage increase.
- A seventh paid holiday—Election Day.
- Improved insurance setup.
- Holiday pay for temporarily laid-off workers.
- Vacation pay guaranteed for six months' employment during the year.

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**LOCAL 75 OFFICIALS** meanwhile announced that 28 plain goods shops, non-members of the silk employers' associations, had agreed to settle on any terms finally reached by the union and the manufacturers. The non-association shops employ between 400 and 500 weavers, a good chunk of the entire plain goods working force of 1,600.

Of the settled shops, four—employing about 100 workers—have already agreed to bring wages up to full union standards, involving an increase of five cents to 20 cents an hour regardless of final terms.

The jacquard settlement was based on the Election Day demand and improved insurance benefits. Local 87 had not added the 10-cent increase to its demands.

However, there is no question that the Local 75 plain goods' workers' inclusion of the dime wage demand was the decisive factor in pressuring the jacquard manufacturers into early settlement of the other demands. Well remembered is the plain goods workers' 1947 strike, which won a 7½-cent wage increase and forced a nationwide change in Emil Rieve's stated "no-wage-increase" policy that year.



GEORGE BALDANZI
"What Wage Increase?



EMIL RIEVE
What Speedup?"

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**THE SITUATION** wasn't made any easier for the silk workers this week when—in the midst of the two-local TWUA strike—top TWUA leaders Emil Rieve and George Baldanzi splashed their office-seeking feud onto newspaper front pages.

At Local 75 union hall, rank and file workers were bitter at the Baldanzi-Rieve cat-calling while the workers were striving

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# CHALLENGE GOP LILY RULE IN PATERSON FOURTH WARD

PATERSON.—For the first time in this city's history a Negro is contesting major-party lily-white rule of Paterson's Fourth Ward. He is William Alexander, running as a Republican candidate in Tuesday's aldermanic primary against the GOP white machine representative.

The ward has a larger Negro population than any other part of the city and is also a major Jewish center. Said Charles Cobb, Alexander's campaign manager: "The time has come to practice democracy in Paterson and give fair representation to the many Negroes of this city in the local government. As a member of a minority group, William 'Pat' Alexander well understands the need to join together with other minority groups, especially the Jewish people, to eradicate intolerance and prejudice."

Alexander's platform, widely distributed by his supporters throughout the ward, calls for:

- Negro representation in elective government.
- Slum clearance and enforcement of sanitary codes.
- Low-income housing without discrimination, with a percentage of units built in the 4th Ward.
- Recreation facilities to include a 4th Ward community center, a city swimming pool, neighborhood play streets and more playgrounds.
- More aid to hospital outpatients, without regard to race, creed or color.
- Equal job opportunities and placement in private and public and public employment for all minority groups.
- Better garbage disposal and cleaner streets.

## Dance to Honor Mrs. Mitchell

**MRS. BESSIE MITCHELL, leader of the nationwide fight to free the Trenton Six, will be honored Saturday night, April 22, at a "Free the Six" dance at the Jewish Community Center, 852 High St., Newark. Sponsored by Locals 7 and 11 of the United Office and Professional Workers of America (independent), proceeds of the dance will be contributed to the campaign for the six framed Negroes' freedom. Johnny Jackson and his band will provide the topflight music. Subscriptions are $1.20 in advance or $1.50 at the door.**

# Tenants' Lobby Blasts Driscoll Rent Sellout

By Manuel Cantor
*Legislative Director, N. J. Communist Party*

**TRENTON.—The story of the Driscoll Administration's betrayal of rent control is a sordid one. It is a betrayal that stretches from the White House to the State House, through Republican and Democratic politicians alike.**

But it is a betrayal that can be beaten back by the people. First signs of an aroused people's movement to keep New Jersey rents from going sky-high were seen in Trenton this week when aggressive delegations from the United Electrical Workers (independent), the N. J. Tenants and Consumers League and the Progressive Party converged on the capitol. They buttonholed assemblymen all over the place, demanding votes against Driscoll's de-control gift to the landlords, demanding a public hearing, demanding real rent control.

They were the first—but there will be more, many more, as the people learn the stark realities of the Driscoll betrayal in their monthly rent bills.

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**THIS IS THE STORY** of that betrayal.

Act 1.—In Washington, Republicans and Democrats together murder federal rent-control by failure to appropriate for its continuation. Truman is basking in the Florida sun. Not a word says he.

Act 2.—In Trenton, in his inaugural address on January 17, 1950, Governor Driscoll smoothly orates: "The continued shortage of housing, particularly in our urban areas, requires that we devote our attention to the need for the continuation of rent controls . . . I urge you to adopt legislation establishing a state standby residential rent control law — ONE THAT WILL SERVE FULLY TO PROTECT OUR CITIZENS SHOULD THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DECIDE TO WITHDRAW FROM THIS ACTIVITY." (Nice words? Now watch what happens.)

Act 3.—Two weeks later administration spokesmen reveal that their "control" bill will permit 10 percent rent boosts to begin with and make county tax boards the "rent control boards."

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**THE STATE AFL**, through Vincent J. Murphy, secretary-treasurer, protested, demanding control "without any permissible increases." The N. J. Tenants Council, through Harry Mopsick, president, condemned the proposed increases, opposed administration by "realtor-dominated" tax boards, and demanded public hearings.

Even this limited reaction prompted Driscoll and his advisers to stall awhile. No bill was introduced.

On February 28, after consultation with Republican leaders, Driscoll announced: "There was sentiment in favor of legislation which would be applicable in those areas where circumstances appear to require a continuation of controls."

**Tricky language.** No longer the bold promise of the inaugural. The powerful real estate lobby, the N. J. Manufacturers Association, the Prudential Insurance Co. and the bankers are at work.

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**ON MARCH 8**, Senator Hand introduced the administration's bill. On March 10, the N. J. State CIO Council issued a release which said: "CIO supports Senator Hand's state rent control law, which would take effect if Federal controls are not renewed July 1, Holderman declared, but would 'oppose any amendment to exclude any county from the bill. County decontrol can be handled under the bill by the county rent control board on recommendation to the Governor'."

The Legislative Committee of

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# RCA MAN BUCKS IUE MACHINE, BEATEN UP BY GOON SQUAD

CAMDEN.—Ernie Polak, CIO "Imitation UE" leader, doesn't like opposition from rank and file television workers in RCA-Victor's 3 Building. Polak, who retains his position as division chairman because a federal judge overruled the majority vote of the RCA workers, ran a single-candidate "Ja" vote at a division night-shift meeting to elect an election board representative. His man, Piechowski, won — because nobody ran against him.

But at the day-shift meeting of the same division the workers decided to nominate a loyal UE rank-and-filer, Chick Chindoni, against Polak's man. The day-shift vote was 62 for Chindoni, 59 for the IUE machine candidate.

This week, outside his home in Philadelphia, Chindoni was jumped and beaten by four goons who had waited for him to come home at night to "teach him a lesson."

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**THE INCIDENT**, reported at the regular membership meeting of Local 103 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, gave RCA workers another grim reminder of the battle they have been waging against the company-IUE-Taft-Hartley Board combination that has been trying to tear their union apart since 1946.

The beating of 500 RCA workers provided an interesting problem for legal experts—including Federal Judge Thomas Madden, who overruled their majority vote to expel 16 IUE secessionists for undermining the local.

The membership removed Mike Cahill as vice-president because Cahill had failed to attend the number of executive board meetings stipulated by the local by-laws. Cahill is one of the IUE-CIO boys under Judge Madden's protection. Now the question is whether Madden will overrule the by-laws themselves in his desire to cover for the IUE.

The meeting also:

- Instructed the local's officers to distribute plantwide petitions against the Mundt-Nixno Bill in line with last month's resolution opposing the police-state measure.
- Accepted the report of Zack Stoner, chairman of the local's Anti - Discrimination Committee, calling for plantwide review and action on upgrading of Negro workers.
- Condemned Al Giordano (another expelled IUE-RCA-Madden protectorate) for refusing to carry through his routine tasks as treasurer of the local, and cut off Giordano's $15-a-week extra wage.

# Defy Edison Injunction Bid

WEST ORANGE.—Threat of injunctions this week failed to stop Edison Storage Battery workers from picketing the company's plant in protest against a lockout of the tube loading department.

The tubeloaders were locked out last week after they had attended a meeting of their union, Local 407 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers (independent) to voice demands for job re-classification and a paid 10-minute rest period.

Company reaction was a demand for an injunction against the union pickets. Although the union contract expired March 7, the Edison Co. has stalled negotiations pending an NLRB election between UE and IUE-CIO raiders. And, charge UE leaders, the NLRB has stalled holding the election because the IUE splinter group can certify no more than 100 of the 1,000 Edison workers.

Hearing on the company's injunction demand was set for Friday morning at the Newark Hall of Records. Targets of the injunction suit are James McLeish, president of UE District 4; William McRae, president of Local 407; John Gallagher, vice-president of the local, Elward Miller, UE battery shop chairman, UE international and the local itself.

Ironically, the company was blocked in its desire for an immediate injunction without a hearing because of a law forced through state legislature by united labor pressure during the gubernatorial term of Charles Edison, president of the corporation.

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# 5-MONTH RENT STRIKE WINS 12% CUT AND TENANTS PACT

**NEWARK.—"It's the most wonderful thing that ever happened!" That is how Mrs. Lucy Bradley of 32 Hillside Place described the rent-cutting collective bargaining agreement won by the New Jersey Tenants and Consumers League this week from the Austin Realty Co. For the hundreds of thousands of families who live in rented apartments in this state, what Mrs. Bradley said was no exaggeration. The agreement is historic – and it can spread.**

It is the first collective bargaining agreement ever negotiated in New Jersey between a statewide tenants' organization and a landlord as large as the Austin Co., possibly the biggest single property-owner in Newark's teeming Third Ward.

It climaxes a five-month rent strike in which the 12 families who live at 32 Hillside held solid against lawsuits, eviction notices and pressure from the Federal Housing Expediter's office.

It calls for:

**1. Rent reductions of 12 and 12½ percent on all apartments. Tenants who were paying $50 a month will now pay $44. Families who paid $40 will pay $35.**

**2. All rent reductions are retroactive to Feb. 1.**

**3. All tenants are to receive one-year leases, guaranteeing the agreed rentals regardless of what happens to federal and state rent controls.**

**4. "Security deposits" of $40 and $50 paid in to the Austin Realty Co. by the tenants are to be refunded immediately, or credited as payments on rent.**

**5. Eviction suits previously pressed by the landlord against several of the tenants are to be dismissed.**

In addition, an oral stipulation guarantees repairs on the apartments for the duration of the agreement.

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**THE AGREEMENT** was signed for the New Jersey Tenants and Consumers League and the Hillside place

**See Elwood Dean's Column on Page 13**

tenants by Solomon Golat, who is also attorney for the Civil Rights Congress in the legal battle to prevent the frameup of the Trenton Six.

Participating with Golat in the history-making negotiations that won the five-month rent strike were William Johnston, executive secretary of the N. J. Tenants and Consumers League, Joseph Walker, League president, Joseph Harrison, League organizer, and representatives of all 12 families.

Johnston, a former Singer foundry striker and leader of the Progressive Party, said the victory "shines like a beacon for every tenant in the Third Ward – every tenant in New Jersey, as a matter of fact."

"It's the people's answer to the politicians' betrayal of rent controls," Johnson said. "It shows what people can win when they organize and stick together. Believe me, this thing will spread And on top of what the Hillside tenants have won and others can win, it will stiffen the whole fight for state rent control legislation."

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**THE TENANTS LEAGUE LEADER** characterized Attorney Golat's handling of negotiations with Charles Zemel, president of the Austin Co., as "a real contribution to Jewish-Negro unity."

**According to Johnston, Golat told Zemel at one deadlocked point in the discussion: "I'm a Jew. So are you. The people I speak for are Negroes—the firmest allies the Jewish people can have in the struggle against discrimination. Are you going to help build unity of Negroes and Jews, or are you going to destroy it?"**

It was shortly after that, Johnston reported, that Zemel agreed to settle on the Tenants League's terms.



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## 32 Hillside

**A house in Newark's 3d Ward tells the story of a people's fight against landlord greed and political corruption . . .**

DEATH BY FIRE came to four neighbors of Mrs. Mary Lee Johnson (left) the morning of Oct. 27, 1947. One was a dead mute. The other three were an expectant mother who gave birth prematurely during the fire; her just-born baby; and, in her arms, her 18-month-old daughter. They lived – and died – at 32 Hillside. Scarcely went Joseph Zemel, president of the Austin Realty Co., biggest single owner of Newark's super-profit 3rd Ward slum property. Mr. Zemel was busy at the moment the fire broke out. He was dictating a form letter. It was addressed to the tenants of 32 Hillside, and it was inserted the next day—Oct. 28—in the still-smoldering mailboxes of the gutted firetrap. It asked for a 15 percent rent increase.

AUSTIN REALTY CO., INC.
200 MARKET STREET
NEWARK 2, N. J.

October 27, 1947

Dear Mr. Jones:

In accordance with this provision, we are writing to ask if you would be interested in a lease on the apartment now rented by you from us, at the above address, for a period of eighteen months, at a rent of 15% over your present rental.

### Eighteen Months Later

32 Hillside is one house. But there are hundreds like it in Newark's 3rd Ward, where profit-fat real estate corporations batten on jimcrow segregation. After the 1947 fire the Austin Realty Co. made no repairs; extracted a "security" bonus of an extra month's rent from each tenant. Now the company is getting $50 for a five-room flat. Newark law requires repairs at the landlord's expense; Commissioners Brady, Keenan, Murphy have done nothing about 32 Hillside. The Newark Communist Party is demanding repairs forced by the city; immediate rent reductions; and a Grand Jury investigation into the real estate sharks' rent-gouging and discrimination against Negroes.

**Not War-Torn Berlin**

But the side wall of 32 Hillside (right) 18 months after the holocaust that killed four. It is still a deathtrap for the human beings who occupy its 31 rooms today. No repairs have been made—inside or out. The outhouse toilet below flushes into a drainpipe. But the pipe (bottom) has a two-inch hole. Through it, refuse feeds the basement in a sodden pool that threatens the health of the people who live at 32 Hillside.

BIG-WARD RATS are big, but not too big to get in and out easily through these gaping holes (above, arrows) in the ceiling of Mr. and Mrs. James Tyler's apartment at 32 Hillside. The cupboard below opens two ways: through its door and through the jagged masonry hole in the wall that the rats use. After 18 months, the Austin Realty Co. has not even repainted the fire-blistered cupboard.

—Worker Photos by Al. Hirschberg

HOPE for the Third Ward lies in fighting unity of the people against the real estate corporations and their errand-boy politicians. Independent Ike Negro candidate Melvin Johnson (not shown) is battling the real estate sharks. Pioneer in the people's fight for the right to live decently is the Communist Party, whose city commission candidate Marlbe Stuart (center) joins hands with Mrs. James Tyler in a pledge for struggle against ghetto conditions in Newark's Third Ward. With them are James Tyler, Elwood Dean, Pioneer McIntosh and James Adams of the Third Ward Tenants League.

**"HOPE FOR THE THIRD WARD lies in fighting unity of the people," said the New Jersey Worker one year ago in a full-page story about 32 Hillside Place, Newark. Now the tenants of 32 Hillside, organized in the New Jersey Tenants League, have won a five-month rent strike against the Austin Realty Co. They gained $5 rent reductions, came out with New Jersey's first tenants' collective bargaining agreement.**

**CHRISTIANS, JEWS UNITE FOR JUSTICE:**

## Holiday Greetings Pour in For Trenton 6

TRENTON.—Easter and Passover—holidays of resurrection and freedom for Christains and Jews in the search for justice—penetrated the gray walls of Mercer County Jail last Sunday.

For the Trenton Six it was the second Easter they had spent in jail for a murder they never committed.

But to the six—Collis English, McKinley Forest, Ralph Cooper, James Thorpe, Horace Wilson, John McKenzie – came messages of fighting cheer from Jews and Christains for whom Passover and Easter have a living meaning.

Wrote David Vines, executive secretary of the New Jersey Jewish People's Fraternal Order: "In the spirit of our Passover tradition, we pledge to re-dedicate ourselves to the struggle for justice by redoubling our efforts to win your freedom."

Easter and Passover greetings were received by the six framed men from the Joint Board of the Fur and Leather Workers Union, District 4 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, state leaders of the Progressive Party, Young Progressives of America, United Office and Professional Workers of America, Congress of American Women, Elwood Dean, education director of the N.J. Communist Party and Civil Rights Congress leaders throughout the state.

"On this Easter Day, the people of New Jersey are mindful of their solemn task to carry through the campaign for your freedom," wrote CRC secretary Lewis Moroze. "Your courage is the well-spring from which we continue to fight until the battle for justice has been won."

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# Anti-Semitic Sheets Get Big Coca Cola Ads

**Americans who put down their nickels for the "pause that refreshes" may unwittingly be helping to "refresh" the treasury of an anti-Semitic Ku Klux Klan hate-sheet. For, according to the publication, Opinion, A Journal of Jewish Life and Letters, two Ku Klux-ish papers, papers, Parson Jack and Johnson's Georgia Tribune are being supported by national advertising from the Coca-Cola Co.**

The Klan is violently anti-Catholic, as is well known; and Coca-Cola boss James A. Farley is probably the most prominent Catholic layman in America.

But both Farley and the Klan are notoriously pro-fascist and anti-Communist.

And, declares Joseph Brainin in Opinion (in his article, A Call To Action; The Rebirth of Oragnized Anti-Semitism work in America): "... the Klan has also intensified its anti-Semitic work in accordance with the Merwin K. Hart formula of indentifying Jews with Communists."

**HART**, the head of the pro-fascist National Economic Council, claims to have discovered "atomic anti-Semitism", according to Brainin. For "why revive the dusty, discredited legend of the "Elders of Zion", when one can make the absurd story of a Zionist-Communist alliance palatable to big business?"

"Never before (except possibly at the very height of the Hitler regime)" declared Brainin, "has so much money been spent in America for the production and distribution of literature directed against the Jews."

"Over $1,000,000 was collected by the leading bigots in a 12-month period," the annual survey of race prejudice made public by the Anti-Defamation League last week disclosed.

Merwin Hart's outfit got "at least $140,000" in 1949, the League reported; Gerald L. K. Smith "more than $150,000"; Gerald Winrod, "about $100,000"; Upton Close, $50,000; Joseph P. Kamp, $50,000 and Allan Zoll, former fund-raiser for both Hart and Kamp, $40,000.

"Fifty-seven anti-Semitic organizations were active in 1949", according to the League.

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**WARNING AGAINST** "indifference" being shown by Jewish organizations and the concentration of "virtually" all attention on the new state of Israel, Brainin explains that people must not be lulled because:

"In the past few years anti-Jewish feeling has no longer manifested itself through the relatively petty means of physical violence or destruction of property (the short-range anti-Semitic policy), but has entered the psuedo-respectable phase of natonwide 'education' (the long-rang policy of anti-Semitism)."

The Peekskill riots of last summer, Brainin says, marked a return to this "short-range policy."

Financing this "education" in fascist anti-Semitism, by contributions to Hart's organization, Brainin declares, is a roster of major corporations and prominent individuals, including Lammot duPont; Union Carbide; Gulf Oil; Empire State Building Corp.; American Cyanid; Mohawk Carpet Mills; ex-Senator Albert Hawkes and John J. Raskob.

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**THE WALL STREETERS** pay for the dissemination of such poison as the following excerpts from Hart's news-letter:

"The fact is that Zionists and Communist influence (at times the one is stronger, at times the other—frequently they work together) has dictated and controlled practically all moves of American foreign policy since 1933". Substituting the name "Zionist" for "Jew", Hart goes on to say that "these forces dictated the setting up of the UNRA under the control, first of Zionist Herbert H. Lehman and second, of Zionist LaGuardia."

Brainin lists many other anti-Semitic hate sheets. Rapping the "irresponsible action" of the leaders of the American Jewish Committee and others who participated along with Hart and other anti-Semites in the "All-America Conference to Fight Communism" last January he called for "unity" and "vigilant and militant defense" to stem the "rising tide of anti-Jewish feeling."



ASKS RIGHT OF ASYLUM: Mrs. Eleanor Wheeler joins with her husband in asking Czechoslovakia to grant them a haven. George S. Wheeler (left) and Jiri Hronek, secretary of the International Organization of Journalists, pictured last week in Prague.

# Americans to Stay In Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE.—Two years ago an American journalist and economist came here to study. Now he asks that the Czechoslovak government grant him and his family a haven here as a political refugee. He is youngish looking 42-year-old George S. Wheeler of Rollingway, Wash., wartime economist in the U. S. War Department, postwar head of the denazification branch and policy chief for the labor office in the American Zone of Germany.

In announcing his decision to a meeting of journalists here he said: "I came to know Czechoslovakia well. I became acquainted with her people, her endeavors and her constructive efforts . . . and I also got to know real democracy.

"Today I am casting up accounts—comparing an America of Wall Street, Truman and Acheson, warmongers and atomic gangsters with the earnest efforts of Czechoslovakia to strengthen the peace front. . . . I declare before the world that I condemn and repudiate the war policy of American imperialism. I want to have nothing in common with the Gestapo methods of American policy. . . . I place myself proudly in the camp of peace and progress. I ask the Czechoslovak government to grant asylum to me and to my family and to give me the possibility of offering our training and knowledge to the world fight for peace."

## this is capitalism

### War's a Blessing to Capitalism

BOSTON.—When Communists and others says that capitalism needs and incites wars, they are reviled as "foreign agents." But Boston Globe business columnist T.G.M. admits: "War, of course, is the great alleviative to any economic problem with its astronomical consumption of goods while at the same time it draws manpower heavily away from the labor force."

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### Who Gets Rooked on Taxes? Right!

DETROIT.—Chrysler, Ford, Hudson, Kaiser-Frazer, Burroughs Adding Machine and other industrial giants got millions in tax cuts courtesy of the city treasurer. Chrysler got an $18,481,600 cut in 'personal property' assessment, saving $700,000 in taxes. The Michigan edition of The Worker, which owns all of five battered typewriters and some old desks, got a tax increase!

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### Not His Fault, But He Has to Pay

LOCKHART, Texas.—William Hagedorn, 77-year-old farmer, has to pay $3,126.84 plus costs as "damages" to a couple whose car went off the road near his farm to avoid hitting a mule. But the mule wasn't Hagedorn's, and the first court which held the old man responsible, on the plaintiff's say-so, never even notified Hagedorn to appear. The Texas Supreme Court finally ruled that the mule wasn't Hagedorn's all right, but he'd have to pay the $3,126.84 plus, anyhow, because he hadn't been "diligent in protecting his rights." The sum is far more than foreign-born Hagedorn has saved all his life. Ain't capitalist justice wonderful?

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### Sinclair Oil's Biggest Take

NEW YORK.—The Sinclair Oil Corp. has announced a net profit for 1949 of $54,073,338, after first deducting $5,000,000 for "possible losses in foreign exploratory operations." The take marked the company's second highest in its history.

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### 32 Living in One Room

DENVER.—A Denver census-taker found 32 persons living in one tiny five-room house, toolshed and garage. The household included a railroad laborer, his wife, 11 unmarried children, five married daughters, their husbands and nine grandchildren.

# Children, Above All, Loved Woodson

## MAN WHO PIONEERED STUDY OF NEGRO HISTORY INSPIRED MILLIONS

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON.—Of all the honors he ever won, Dr. Carter Woodson cherished most the home made scroll presented him by some Washington school children, his friends.

For Dr. Woodson, the son of former slaves, coal miner, teacher, author, and one of the all time great historians in the land, cherished children as much as they loved him.

They surrounded him, bouncing and shouting, whienever he walked the streets around his office in the vast jimcrow ghetto of the capital city. He sought their company, filling them with stories of the Negro lore he had accumulated in his mind and books for 40 years.

Mainly through his tireless work over those years, he inculcated his love for history, his burning desire to search out the truth about his people, into the minds of his children. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, followed him. They became diggers for the truth in the life and history of the Negro people.

When he died in his small apartment over his office on April 3, the world lost a gentle giant, a modern day John Henry and Paul Bunyon.

Almost singlehandedly, this straight-backed, strong-faced man resurrected his people's lost history, the buried legends of their struggles for freedom.

He was filled with a purpose as great as the streagth of the two legendary giants. With his quick, retentive, orderly mind he plowed up the neglected facts about his people's history and set out their contributions to the world for the world to see and to use against those who would enslave Negroes and other peoples.

His genius as an organizer guided the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. And as its director he founded the authoritative Journal of Negro History, for historians and researchers, and later the Negro History Bulletin, for school children and teachers.

As an author, he was prolific. He produced eight books, hundreds of articles, several surveys, and for the last six-years had been writing a six volume Encyclopedia Africana.

When he found that few publishers would print his books, or other books about the Negro people, he founded the Associated Publishers "to make possible the publication and circulation of valuable books on the Negro not acceptable to most publishers."

He learned early that the rich money grubbing class had no use for his efforts to dzvelop historical research and bring its results to the people.

The wealthy tried to wreck his campaign. But the working people rallied to his support—in the heart of the depression. The Association has been financially stable since then.

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Largely through his efforts, the nation today celebrates Negro History Week every February. He organized the campaign to dramatize the achievements of the Negro people. Later he said, the creation of that week "exposed the bias in textbooks, bared the prejudice of teachers, and compelled" treating the Negro people in history as other people are treated.

Dr. Woodson would have been 75 on Dec. 19. For 40 years of his life he dug in the rich veins of history just as he dug coal in Fayette county, West Virginia to earn enough money to go to high school.

Those years in the pits, and his earlier years on a Virginia farm helping his parents, tied him to the working class. He never lost those ties. They could not be cut, no matter how vicious the attacks against him were. And they were vicious in 1919 when he maintained sympathy for the Russian working people and their goal of Socialism. In recent years, he still insisted that the drive of oppressed people throughout the world toward Socialism was just, necessary—and inevitable. He saw it coming in China and Africa and was glad.



DR. CARTER WOODSON

# ELWOOD DEAN

## 32 Hillside, Once Tragic House, Makes Joyous History Now

NEXT SUNDAY it will be a year since the New Jersey Worker published a full-page feature headed "32 Hillside—a House in Newark's Third Ward Tells the Story of a People's Fight Against Landlord Greed and Political Corruption."

Thirty-two Hillside Place was a tragic house. It was on Oct. 27, 1947, that four Negro lives were ended by fire—four citizens lynched in Newark.

It was the morning that Mr. Zemel of the Austin Realty Co., Inc., was dictating a form letter asking for a 15 percent rent increase. On Oct. 28, 1947, the postman stuffed the letters into charred mailboxes.



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IT WAS LEGAL to ask for a 15 percent increase in exchange for an 18-month lease. It was not illegal to be responsible for fire-trap conditions that caused four tenement house style lynchings. The Austin Realty Co. had done both these things.

The tenants turned to their city government. The commissioners may have been sorry—but not enough to do anything about it. At any rate, they did nothing.

The federal government had crippled rent controls. The state government wasn't concerned. The city government did nothing. Mr. Zemel, like all other large-scale realtors, got richer.

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THE TENANTS of 32 Hillside Place decided that they must depend upon their own strength, together with that of their allies.

In 1948 they organized. That's when things began to change. The landlords no longer could deal with them as individuals. Their direct struggles and their court fights were conducted on a unified basis.

Their battles were not limited to the strict and traditional approaches of capitalist court procedures. Their attorney, Solomon Golat, brought many years of hard-won militant tradition into play.

As their representative, he smashed through many outmoded precedents, establishing new ones, based upon the growing experiences of the working people.

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MR. GOLAT, whose excellent labor record and exemplary legal contributions to the Trenton Six case will make his name live long, saw more than clients in these Hillside Place tenants. He recognized his own personal interest in the conditions of the Negro people.

As a member of the oppressed Jewish minority, Mr. Golat saw himself as a link between his people and the Negro people. He fulfills this purpose admirably, because he understands the urgency of Negro-Jewish unity. Mr. Zemel didn't.

Mr. Zemel saw in his Negro tenants an opportunity for extra exploitation. Mr. Golat saw excellent possibility for unity. The tenants saw the need for organization.

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THERE IS A LESSON in this for the people's struggles against the monopolies. Unity and organization are seeds which, when planted in the fertile soil of militant struggle, promise a harvest of victory.

The agreement forced from the Austin Realty Co. is history-making in its important. Not since the days of the mass movements of the unemployed in the middle '30s have collective contracts been signed with landlords.

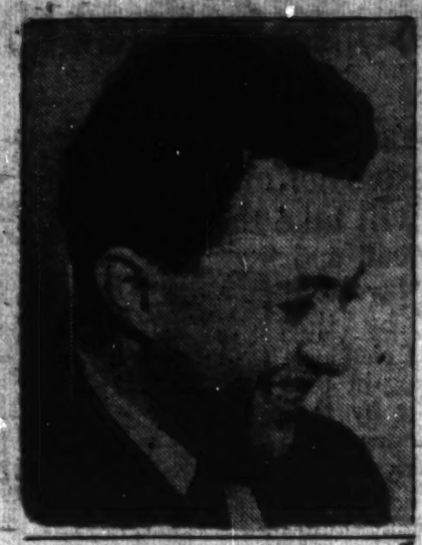
The New Jersey Tenants and Consumers League, of which the tenants of 32 Hillside Place are members, deserves the highest commendation for its victory. More yet, the Tenants League deserves the active support of the people. It has shown that not only can rent increases be prevented, but that reductions can be won even during periods of housing shortage.

Congratulations for a precedent-smashing victory!


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# Bayonne Times Hits Frameup of Dennis

BAYONNE. — The commercial press curtain against Eugene Dennis began to develop cracks here this week when the Bayonne Times, in a calm appraisal of the Supreme Court's gangup against the Communist Party national secretary, said flatly: "We think the Supreme Court was wrong."

The conservative Times, founded in 1870 and still the most influential daily in this city, declared editorially: "Mr. Dennis was accused of contempt of Congress for having disdained the Committee on Un-American Activities, and it strikes us that though the charge was probably true, Mrs. Dennis didn't have a ghost of a chance for acquittal before such a jury."

The Times noted ironically that Justice Jackson, who joined the 5-2 court majority against Dennis, had in 1943 written a minority opinion challenging a conviction obtained from a jury of government employees. Said the Times:

"This time Mr. Jackson recalls his earlier dissent and said that whenever a majority of the Court could be mustered to upset what he called that weird and misguided decision, he would be in it. . . . Which leads us to one last remark. In the Dennis case the dissent were by Justice Frankfurter and Justice Black; with Justice Douglas who did not take part, Justice Murphy, who has since died, and Justice Jackson, who wants to upset the earlier decision, Dennis would have obtained a new trial by no worse than 5 to 4. Funny thing, the law."



EUGENE DENNIS

# TENANTS' LOBBY BLASTS RENT SELLOUT

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the Communist Party of N. J. warned: "Administration bill, masked as 'rent control' will open doors wide to rent increases."

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EMBOLDENED by the lack of labor and people's resistance, the realty interests and their legislative puppets now went to town.

They carved out those parts of Hand's bill, S-264, that would strip the state of ANY controls UNLESS THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH MUNICIPALITY DECIDED A HOUSING SHORTAGE EXISTED IN ITS AREA! Even if such action was taken, area boards were created which could permit increases WITHOUT LIMIT OVER THE 10 PERCENT GENERAL INCREASE.

This double-talk bill passed in the Senate April 3 by a vote of 19-1. The Democratic minority said they were against—but voted in favor, except Senator Hull of Passaic.

Even the pro-landlord Newark News termed the bill a "de-control" measure. Editorial comment was guardedly critical. The deal was too raw, most papers inferred. But Governor Driscoll was silent as the sphinx.

And Carl Holderman, CIO president, issued a lengthy statement April 8 on state legislation but didn't mention rent control.

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BUT THE PEOPLE were beginning to stir. The Legislative Committee of the Communist Party issued a special bulletin on the rent control issue, alerting its members to the threat.

The N. J. Worker rallied the people against this hidden wage-cut. It reported the Hunterdon County experience where removal of federal controls brought rent boosts up to 160%, with an average boost of $10.54 per unit, or 52.1% for low-rent housing.

The Progressive Party, through Mrs. Katherine Van Orden, blasted the bill. John J. Vobden, Jr., president of the Essex Trades Council AFL, attacked the bill as "nothing less than a farce," pointing out that "the Governor has certainly demonstrated his power over the Legislature in his successful campaign to have the anti-utility strike law enacted over the opposition of labor." The AFL spokesman demanded therefore "that he use his resources again for the benefit of the low and middle income groups."

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THIS WEEK, as the people began their own rent lobby, the Republicans were giving slick answers. They would have preferred the original bill, but—they said—some kind of bill was better than none. Public hearings? Oh, it was too late for that. The Democrats promised to speak against the bill, but would probably vote for it. Better than nothing, you know.

THE TRUTH IS THIS BILL IS WORSE THAN NOTHING. IT IS A TERRIBLE FRAUD UPON THE PEOPLE. AND THE PEOPLE WILL FIGHT BACK, WHEN THEY KNOW THE STORY.

Driscoll has not yet signed the bill. The people can force him to veto.

Driscoll speaks of a special session after the primaries. The people can carry the fight for rent control into that session.

The broadest, most powerful united front can be built around this explosive issue.

The rank and file of both the CIO and AFL will demand action of their leaders when they feel the impact of this rent steal.

Tenants' organization can be built in this fight.

Progressives of New Jersey must determine that the FIGHT FOR THE TENANTS HAS JUST BEGUN.

# SILK STRIKERS HOLD FIRM

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for victory in the silk strike.

Said Andrew Zett, 49-year-old smash-finder and weaver: "Why don't they fight for the workers instead of fighting for their own selfish interests? If it was a fight over policy—if one of them was demanding that the union get busy and organize, or go out for a wage increase or against speedup—that would be different. But they're just jockeying for their own jobs."

Felix Borden, a high-speed warper, said: "They're just worrying about themselves. I guess they don't really care what happens to the workers. I spent years learning my trade but it's getting harder all the time. Now the manufacturers are using inferior yarn, maybe because they can make more money selling the better yarn overseas, and it makes the speedup worse than ever. We really ought to get a 25 percent increase."

Peter Saraffian, a 50-year-old helper, said: "The bosses are trying to get more and more out of us. Rieve and Baldanzi?" Saraffian smiled, turned his palms up, said: "I better not say anything."

## Newark AJC Chapter Opposes Mundt Bill

NEWARK.—The Stephen S. Wise Chapter of the American Jewish Congress this week opposed passage of the Mundt-Nixon thought-control bill as a serious threat to minority rights.

The resolution, introduced by Morton Stavis of the Congress state commission on law and social action, declared: "The enactment of this legislation against Communists today creates a dangerous precedent for extending it tomorrow to Progressives, Socialists and trade unionists."

# Pick Dodgers and Indians

## Worker Sees Braves, Bosox Runner-Ups

By Lester Rodney

Despite a rash of aching muscles, creaking arms and sore knees, the 1950 baseball season definitely will start on Tuesday and barring rain, 16 big league clubs will take the field to begin the long 154-game parade to glory, disappointment and $$$. The early line favors a repeat performance by the Brooklyn Dodgers in the National League, and the upending of the world champion Yankees by the twice-frustrated, power laden Boston Red Sox in the American. We go along with half that ticket.

There are lots of intriguing questions in these races. In the American League, the outstanding questions are:

Can the Yanks get another big performance from the remarkable 35-year-old Joe DiMaggio, still the game's greatest all round performer when sound? Even if Joe stays in one piece, won't he be fading a little more rapidly past his peak? How about 34-year-old Tommy Henrich, who survived a rough season but is starting this one with an ailing knee? Who's on first? Rizzuto had his greatest year but he's a year older at 32 . . . can the upcoming young men stocking a strong bench fill the gap quickly enough this year and with the powerful pitching pull the Stadiumites through again?

Will the power laden Red Sox, nipped on the final day for two seasons in a row because of bad starts, turn on the heat from the start aided by a schedule which has them at home 22 of their first 30 games, and rocket out of sight to win in a romp?

Can the exciting rookie slugger Luke Easter, plus a pitching revival by Feller and Bearden, put the still very dangerous Cleveland Indians back on top?

Can Red Rolfe, as shrewd and resourceful a young manager to hit the big time in years, pull a miracle with his Detroit Tigers based on a tremendous outfield, deep and good pitching, and spirit, despite big question marks in several positions?

IN THE NATIONAL, the mid-winter notio was Brooklyn bigger and better than ever, possibly to romp as the Cards went into a long expected fading act.

Now there's new excitement in Boston as the Braves, with a refurbished outfield boasting the slugging powers of Sid Gordon and Willard Marshall and the potential talents of rookie Sam Jethroe, plus a pitching comeback by Johnny Sain, are looking up. And the Cards, with Musial in his prime, Slaughter showing no signs of distintegration, and strong basic pitching, have plenty of backing.

Both leagues, as we see it, have three serious pennant contenders and two outside possibilities. I rate the Dodgers, Braves and Cards, Yanks, Bosox and Indians in the first category, the Giants, Phils, Tigers and A's in the second, and out of the flag picture completely the Pirates, Reds, Cubs, Chisox, Browns and Senators.

But enough of this shilly shallying. Let's pick 'em in order with a few words on each team. First the American League.

### Indians

Here are the reasons I see a return of Cleveland to the top. First, they have added long range power in the booming bat of Luke Easter, who through the spring circuit began to show that his prodigious slugging on the Coast last year was not a flash in the pan. A fast big ter and an improved Allie Clark Maggio, at any rge.



HOW'S THAT KNEE? TOMMY HENRICH

man who has surprised as a right-fielder, this 6-4, well muscled Negro star is the type who can turn things upside down if he gets the range and holds it.

The Indians dropped from first to third last season. One of the big reasons was the drop in Lou Boudreau's batting mark from .355 to .284, and though he was coming fast at season's end, it was too late. Lou himself says he came to camp overweight and out of shape after an unavoidable winter on the banquet circuit, but he's ready and sharp this time.

Potent reserve strength has come along to change the picture. Behind the slick Mickey Vernon at first is Herb Conyers, who rapped .355 for the Texas League title and r.b.i.'d 134 runs. Putting a new bark in the batting order and resting the classy receiving Jim Hegan is Jim Murray, who batted in 94 in the Texas and has looked even better than that.

There's a lot of talk about the Detroit and Boston outfields, but what's wrong with Cleveland's dazzling all star trio? Dale Mitchell, one of the constantly great post war stars, was the only A.L. player to get 200 hits last year, led in triples with 23 and hit .317. Larry Doby, supposedly having an "off year", batted a productive .280 and hit 24 homers, third highest in the league.

The youngster who came right out of the Negro league into the big time figures to improve some more in his third year. Then there's Ken

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tigl.ting to get into things.

Al Rosen could make a big difference at third and Bob Kennedy can always do a better than competent job there. Rapidly development fielder in for Joe Gordon is little touted Beto Avila, a sleeper who could emerge suddenly with a bang.

It should be recalled that the Indian pitching staff last year had the lowest earned run percentage in the majors, this dispite lame duck performances by Feller and Bearden, both of whom look much more like their old selves this spring. Bellcow of course is the strong armed steady 20 game winner, Bob Lemon, and young Mike Garcia is ready and willing as a strong second ace. Early Wynn and Sam Zoldak are two nominees for surprise performances here, and an acquisition of importance is Jesse Flores, once a consistent winner with the A's, who came back with 21 and 10 for San Diego last year.

That's it. I like the ballclub, think the outfield is tops offensively the pitching great, and Easter potent enough to tip the balance.

### Red Sox

You don't have to strain to make out a case for the Boston Red Sox to finish at least second. The difficulty is always in figuring how come they don't do it . . . easy.

The Sox last year had four hitters who hit over .300, three who who drove more than 100 runs across, including the top two of either league, the two winningest pitchers in the league in Parnell and Kinder, and the devastation of the game's greatest and most prolific hitter, Ted Williams.

They have the same team back, except that rightfielder Al Zarilla, an important acquisition, is there all season. He knocked over 80 runs in part time duty. Mickey McDermott, the "next Grove," should presumably make the pitching better.

So why don't I pick 'em, especially since they're apt to get a much faster start due to the schedule break? On intangibles, the fact that Stephens, Doerr and Dom are a year older, not to mention Tebbetts, that something somehow always seemed lacking when the Sox came up to the big moment, that Kinder won't repeat his surprise big year and McDermott will be less than another Grove.

But, who knows?

### Yanks

Briefly on the Yanks. We thought they would fade to third last year and they picked up all the marbles. Can't see DiMaggio and Henrich, the two big guns, going all out long enough this year. The team is in an inbetween stage, with subtly fading stars, and up and coming replacements of the Bauer, Martin type not yet ready to go it alone. This despite pitching which could be as good as any in front line strength, and Joe Page still around.

Of course, it's always dangerous to count out the stars if Joe DiMaggio, at any age,

### Tigers

I think the Detroit outfield of Wertz, Groth and Evers is great and will be even better. The pitching, headed up by the formidable young Houtteman and backed by Trucks, Hutchinson, Newhouser, Gray and Rogovin, can't be bad. But I don't see the club as a real flag threat because I think Priddy is a little overrated and past his peak at second, Kryhoski is not yet a class player, and Lipon not a pennant winning shortstop. Kell is swell, and young Ginsberg could be the league's coming catcher. But too many ifs.

### A's

I'll get a big fight from Philly on this, but can't see the A's for beans. True, they got Dillinger, but they had plenty of good scatter hitters. They simply don't have the big booming punch and the pitching can't carry the attack. Take the classy infield combine. Joost tapered off to .263 and is getting along. Suder is a .267 rapper. Fain, never what he was touted, was .263. And the outfield hasn't the big guns to carry this crew.

### White Sox

Like the Chisox to come up a way, with Gus Zernial back in form and one of the authentic righthand power sockers, an exceptionally talented young shortstop rookie in Al Carresquel, bought cheaply from the Brooklyn chain at 30 Gs, more infield punch from Majeski at the price of a little speed, and a flock of lefthanded pitchers who will make some teams sorry. Bill Wight, Bob Kusava and Billy Pierce really have it and are coming fast. The second named could move along soon into the premier southpay spot in the league. Randy Gumpert is now an established righthander.

Big hole is at first. If the Sox can pry Mickey Vernon from Cleveland without giving up too much they'd even be a good outside bet for the first division. So it seems from here. Watch that Carresquel. They tell me he has it.

### Browns

The Browns have a rugged path ahead but should beat out the Nats in the fight for the cellar, despite the handicap of an all year psychologist on the bench. Vievers and Kokos in the outfield are genuine articles, Garver and Fannin are pitchers, Moss an underrated young catcher and Billy De Mars a much better shortstop than the Browns have had since Stephens left.

If Al Widmar, 22-game winner at Baltimore, is given the ridiculously low minimum salary he wants, the staff will shape up a little better. But the De Witts seem to prefer to lose him and invoke the baseball blacklist to keep him out. If they do, I hope makes the Browns and Happy I each.

Chandler pay through the nose.

Say, looks like we'll have to hold the National League till next week, with full detailed rundowns on each of the eight teams, whose order we have already selected. Nothing that happens between Tuesday and next weekend can make what we write for next week's papers TOO silly.

Meanwhile, if you think we're way off on any of the teams, why just say so and you'll find it in print. We like arguments as much as the next guys.

And have you sent along your contribution to the fund drive of our fighting paper to keep it going for peace? If you haven't, and maybe if you agree with my pennant choices (ahem), why not send it credit of this writer and it will be happily acknowledged.



A BIG YEAR LEFT? Joe DiMaggio

## The 'Line' Says Dodgers, Bosox

ST. LOUIS, (UP).—Oddsmaker James J. Carroll established the Boston Red Sox 13 to 10 favorites to win the American League pennant and the Brooklyn Dodgers 6 to 5 choice in the National.

Other odds in the American are New York Yankees, 5 to 2; Detroit Tigers 4 to 11, Cleveland Indians 6 to1, Philadelphia Athletics 10 to 1, Chicago White Sox 60 to 1, and St. Louis Browns and Washington 100 to 1 each.

In t he National the St. Louis Cardinals are 3 to1, Boston Braves 4 to1, Philadelphia Phils 8 to1, New York Giants 12 to 1, Pittsburgh Pirates 20 to 1 and Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds 50 to